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ARTICLE XVII. Licensure for Uniformed Service Members, Veterans, and Spouses.

Section 1. As used in this subsection

- (a) "automatic licensure" means the granting of occupational licensure without an individual's having met occupational licensure requirements provided under Title 17 of the Arkansas Code or by these Rules.
- (b) "uniformed service veteran" means a former member of the Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.

Section 2. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who holds a substantially equivalent license in another U.S. jurisdiction and is:

- (a) A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
- (b) A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas;
or
- (c) The spouse of:
 - (1) a person under Article XVII Section 2 (a) or (b),
 - (2) a uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member's spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or
 - (3) A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes residency in the state.

Section 3. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all of the below:

- (a) Payment of the initial licensure fee;
- (b) Evidence that the individual holds a license with a similar scope of practice in another state;
and
- (c) Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Rule XVII Section 2 (a), (b), or (c).

Section 4. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.

Section 5. A full exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed for a deployed uniform service member or spouse until one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member's return from deployment.