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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- State occupational licensing agencies and the Department of Veterans Services may incur no more than minimal annual costs to comply with the bill's licensing and reporting requirements. It is likely that these state entities generally can absorb those costs using existing staff and resources.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

State occupational licensing

The bill:

- Requires state occupational licensing agencies to issue temporary licenses or certificates, and allows those agencies to issue a regular license or certificate, under certain circumstances to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.
- Requires those agencies to waive any fee otherwise charged for the same license or certificate.

State occupational licensing agencies may incur a decrease in licensing fee revenue and a no more than minimal increase in expenses: (1) to adopt rules as necessary to implement the temporary license and certificate requirements, and (2) to verify the eligibility of each individual who wishes to obtain a temporary license or certificate.

The costs incurred by any given state occupational licensing agency to comply with these provisions will depend largely on the number of applicants for a temporary license or certificate. Close to 40 state occupational and regulatory boards and commissions regulate various professional fields in Ohio. To some extent, for some of these licensing agencies, the bill

is codifying current practice with respect to reciprocity, or the issuance of licenses or certificates. Anecdotally, it was suggested that the number of individuals who would be eligible for a temporary license or certificate that might otherwise have been required to apply for a regular license or subject to additional qualifications for a temporary license under current law is likely to be relatively small.

Under the bill, some agencies may experience a workload increase to verify an applicant's qualifications and to monitor the scope of practice permitted under professional licenses in other states. These state occupational licensing agencies should be able to absorb the work and related costs utilizing existing staff and resources.

Reporting

The bill requires each department, agency, or office that issues a license or certificate to prepare a report for each fiscal year on the number and type of temporary licenses or certificates issued during the fiscal year, and to provide the report to the Director of Veterans Services (DVS) not later than 30 days after the end of the fiscal year. The DVS Director is required to make the information available to the public. Affected state departments, agencies, and offices should be able to absorb this reporting duty and related costs utilizing existing staff and resources.