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## RULE 42: LICENSURE FOR UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES

### 1. Definitions:

- a. As used in this section, “expedited 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. As used in this section, “uniformed service veteran” means a former member of the United States Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.
- c. As used in this section, “uniformed service member” means an active or reserve component member of the United States Air Force, United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, United States Navy, United States Space Force, National Guard, or the United States Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service; or an active component member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps.

### 2. Licensure:

- a. The Arkansas State Medical Board shall allow the following individuals to secure employment with a temporary license, certificate, or permit while completing the application process for full licensure or certification or permitting if the individual is the holder in good standing of a substantially equivalent license, certificate, or permit issued by another state:
  - (1) An active duty military service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
  - (2) A returning military veteran applying within one (1) year of his or her discharge from active duty; or
  - (3) The spouse of:
    - (A) A person under a (1) or (2) above;
    - (B) 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
    - (C) 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.
- b. The Board shall expedite the process and procedure for full licensure, certification, or permitting to an individual who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S and is:

- (1) A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;
- (2) A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or

(3) The spouse of:

(A) A person under a (1) or (2) above;

(B) 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

(C) 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.

c. The Board shall expedite the process and procedure for full licensure, certification, or permitting to an individual who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S and is in receipt of all the below:

(1) Payment of the initial licensure fee;

(2) Evidence that the individual holds a license with a similar scope of practice in another state; and

(3) Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section 2. a. above.

d. 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.

e. 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.

f. A temporary license, certificate, or permit granted under this section shall be in effect for at least ninety (90) days or until such time as the Board is able to take action on the expedited application.