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House Bill 4497

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to the Committee on Government Organization then
Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,
 2 designated §15-1F-12, relating to exempting spouses of active military personnel from
 3 fees associated with occupational or professional licensing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1F. PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS.

§15-1F-12. Exemption from occupational or professional licensing fees for military spouses.

1 (a) The spouse of a person who is mobilized for military duty in the Armed Forces of the
 2 United States by the President of the United States is exempt from fees associated with
 3 occupational or professional licensing or certification, including, but not limited to, application and
 4 renewal fees.

5 (b) The exemption provided in this section applies to, but is not limited to, fees associated
 6 with occupational or professional licensing or certification:

- 7 (1) Under chapter 30 of this code;
- 8 (2) Incidental to certification of teachers;
- 9 (3) Under chapter 21 of this code;
- 10 (4) Under §19-10B-1 et seq. of this code;
- 11 (5) Under §19-5A-1 et seq. of this code; and
- 12 (6) Under §19-16A-1 et seq. of this code.

13 (c) For purposes of this section “occupational or professional licensing or certification”
 14 includes any requirement in this code or a state agency rule that requires an individual to obtain
 15 permission from the state to engage in a business activity.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt spouses of active military personnel from fees associated with occupational or professional licensing.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.