

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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### **House Bill 2844**

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[Introduced March 8, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland  
Security then Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto two new  
 2 sections, designated §30-1B-2a and §30-1B-2b, all relating to provisions applicable to  
 3 military members and their spouses.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto two  
 2 new sections, designated §30-1B-2a and §30-1B-2b, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1B. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR  
 SPOUSES.**

**§30-1B-2a: Definitions**

1 As used in this article:

2 “Licensing” means any required training, education, or fee to work in a specific profession.

3 “Licensing authority” means an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other  
 4 office with the authority to impose occupational fees or licensing requirements on any profession.

5 “Military families” means any active duty service members and their spouses, and  
 6 honorably discharged veterans and their spouses. Surviving spouses of deceased service  
 7 members who have not remarried are also included.

8 “Occupational fee” means a fee or tax on professionals or businesses that is charged for  
 9 the privilege of providing goods or services within a certain jurisdiction.

10 “Political subdivision” means a city, town, village, or county.

**§30-1B-2b: Waiver of Licensing Fees for Military Families.**

1 (a) All state and political subdivision licensing authorities shall waive all occupational fees  
 2 and fees from licensing requirements for military families.

3 (b) Individuals seeking a waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements  
 4 must apply to the appropriate licensing authority in a format prescribed by the licensing authority.

5 The licensing authority shall process the application within thirty days of receiving it from the

6 applicant.

7 (c) The licensing authority may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with

8 the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a, for the implementation of this section.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a waiver of professional and occupational licensing fees for military families.

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