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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0455 Amended by the Senate on March 5, 2019  
**Author:** Alexander  
**Subject:** Professional Licenses, Temporary  
**Requestor:** Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry  
**RFA Analyst(s):** A. Martin  
**Impact Date:** March 6, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure or revenue impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not materially alter the regulatory practices of the agency or its boards.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from LLR.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by the Senate on March 5, 2019**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires licensing agencies to issue a temporary professional license to a spouse of an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces who is assigned to a duty station in this state. In addition, this bill requires licensing agencies to apply education, training, and experience completed by a member of the Armed Forces or Reserves of the United States toward satisfying the qualifications of licensure or certification. This stipulation applies to members of reserve forces of any state.

This bill applies to professional and occupation licenses and certifications issued pursuant to Title 40, which are regulated by LLR. This bill codifies current regulatory practices. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or its regulatory boards.

LLR has been tracking military spouse requests since October 2018. Since then, the agency has had twenty-four military spouse inquiries. Of this total, thirteen people inquired but did not apply for a license, three temporary professional licenses were issued, six permanent professional licenses were issued, and two permanent license applications are currently in process.

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##### **State Revenue**

LLR is currently implementing the requirements of this bill. Therefore, this bill will have no revenue impact on the regulatory boards administered by LLR.

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##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

**Introduced on January 29, 2019**

**State Expenditure**

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Currently, licensing agencies are allowed, but not required, to consider both of these provisions when reviewing a candidate for licensure. This bill applies to professional and occupation licenses and certifications issued pursuant to Title 40, which are regulated by LLR. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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