

SENATE, No. 868

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Senator JOSEPH PENNACCHIO

District 26 (Essex, Morris and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for individuals and spouses with military status under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licensing fees for
2 certain qualified individuals and supplementing P.L.1978, c.73
3 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. As used in this act:

9 “Board” means a professional or occupational board designated
10 in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues a professional
11 or occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification.

12 “Fee” means any fee related to the issuance or renewal of a
13 professional or occupational license, certificate of registration, or
14 certification issued by the board, but shall not include any penalty
15 or fine imposed by the board. A fee shall not be construed to
16 include the cost for any required criminal history background check
17 or for a professional seal which are paid to the board for services
18 provided by entities other than the board.

19 “Qualified applicant” means an applicant who is a member of the
20 Armed Forces of the United States or the member’s spouse or a
21 member of the National Guard of any state or the member’s spouse
22 and who is domiciled in this State or will be moving to this State
23 from another jurisdiction.

24 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or
25 regulation to the contrary, a board shall not charge a fee for the
26 issuance or renewal of a professional or occupational license,
27 certificate of registration, or certification to a qualified applicant.
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29 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
30 following enactment.
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33 STATEMENT

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35 This bill provides that the several professional and occupational
36 licensing boards in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the
37 Department of Law and Public Safety shall not charge a fee to a
38 member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the member’s
39 spouse or a member of the National Guard of any state or the
40 member’s spouse when issuing or renewing that professional or
41 occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification to
42 practice in New Jersey.

43 The bill also defines “fee” and “board,” and specifies that a
44 qualified applicant who is domiciled in this State or will be moving to
45 this State is a person who will be covered under the bill.