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House Bill 5432 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative James Koetje
House Committee: Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security
Senate Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Occupational Code to provide for a temporary exemption from certain licensure or registration requirements for a person who was on active duty in the U.S. armed forces in an area designated by the U.S. President as a combat zone.

Specifically, an individual or qualifying officer who was a licensee or registrant under the Code and who was on active duty in a combat zone would be temporarily exempt from the Code's renewal license fee, continuing education requirements, and any other related requirements. The licensee or registrant would have to inform the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG), by written or electronic mail, that he or she desired to exercise the temporary exemption. The licensee or registrant requesting an exemption also would have to provide proof, as determined by DLEG, of his or her active duty status. In addition, if a licensee were responsible for supervising and overseeing licensed activities, he or she would have to notify DLEG of arrangements for adequate provision of that supervision and oversight.

Upon receiving a request for a temporary exemption, DLEG would have to determine the requestor's status and grant the temporary exemption after verifying his or her active duty status. A temporary exemption would be valid until 90 days after the licensee's or registrant's release from the active duty upon which the exemption was based, but could not exceed 36 months from the expiration date of the license or registration.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Any additional administrative costs associated with this bill would be covered by fee revenue. The bill would have no impact on the General Fund.

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