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Senate Bill 606 (as introduced 6-26-07)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Occupational Code to refer to a licensee or registrant who was mobilized for military duty, rather than one who is on active duty in an area designated as a combat zone, in provisions for a temporary exemption from certain licensure or registration requirements.

Presently, an individual or qualifying officer who is a licensee or registrant under the Code and who is on active duty in the U.S. armed forces in an area designated by the U.S. President as a combat zone, is temporarily exempt from the Code's renewal license fee, continuing education requirements, and any other related requirements. The licensee or registrant must inform the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG) that he or she desires to exercise the temporary exemption and must provide proof of his or her active duty status. Upon receiving a request, DLEG must determine the requestor's status and grant the temporary exemption after verifying active duty status. A temporary exemption is valid until 90 days after the licensee's or registrant's release from active duty but may not exceed 36 months from the expiration of the license or registration.

Under the bill, the temporary exemption would apply to a licensee or registrant who was "mobilized for military duty" in the U.S. armed forces by the U.S. President, rather than one who is "on active duty" in the U.S. armed forces "in an area designated as a combat zone" by the U.S. President. The bill also would refer to a licensee's or registrant's "mobilized" duty status rather than "active" duty status.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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