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Senate Bill 741 (as introduced 1-22-14)
Sponsor: Senator Tonya Schuitmaker
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow a health profession licensing board to grant a temporary license to a health professional licensed in another jurisdiction who was married to an active duty member of the armed forces assigned to a duty station in Michigan.

Generally, the Code allows a health profession licensing board to grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant who has completed all requirements for licensure except for examination or other required evaluation procedure. It also allows the board of nursing to grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant who is licensed as a registered professional nurse by an equivalent licensing board or authority in another state.

Under the bill, a licensing board also could grant a temporary license to an individual who met all of the following:

- Was married to a member of the armed forces of the United States who was on active duty.
- Held a current license in the appropriate health profession issued by an equivalent licensing department, board, or authority in another state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, another U.S. territory or protectorate, or a foreign country.
- Provided proof acceptable to the board that his or her spouse was assigned to a duty station in Michigan and that the individual also was assigned to a duty station in Michigan under his or her spouse's official active duty military orders.
- Complied with fingerprinting requirements for initial licensure or registration in a health profession, so that a criminal history check could be conducted in the manner required by the Code.

A temporary license or registration issued under the bill would be valid for one year and could be renewed for additional one-year terms if the board determined that the temporary licensee continued to meet the requirements described above.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a minor, but likely negative, fiscal impact on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and no fiscal impact on local units of government. Under the bill, LARA would have to establish a program that would grant temporary health profession licenses, and would incur some indeterminate costs in doing so. Additionally, it is

not clear that LARA would be able to charge a fee for temporary licenses, so the program would result in some likely minor costs on an annual basis. The costs of the bill would be borne by existing Department resources, likely the Health Professions Regulatory Fund.

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