

**ACT 135 of 2021 - UNIFORMED SERVICE MEMBERS**

- A. As used in this subsection, “uniformed service veteran” means a former member of the United States Uniformed Services discharged under circumstances other than dishonorable.**
- B. The Board shall grant automatic licensure to an individual who is the holder in good standing of a license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state, territory, or district of the U.S. and is:**
- 1. A uniformed service member stationed in the State of Arkansas;**
  - 2. A uniformed service veteran who resides in or establishes residency in the State of Arkansas; or**
  - 3. The spouse of:**
    - a. A person under B (1) or (2) above.**
    - b. A uniformed service member who is assigned a tour of duty that excludes the uniformed service member’s spouse from accompanying the uniformed service member and the spouse relocates to this state; or**
    - c. A uniformed service member who is killed or succumbs to his or her injuries or illness in the line of duty if the spouse establishes**
      - d. residency in the state.**
- C. The Board shall grant such automatic licensure upon receipt of all the below:**
- 1. Payment of the initial licensure fee;**
  - 2. Evidence that the individual holds a license with a similar scope of practice in another state; and**
  - 3. Evidence that the applicant is a qualified applicant under Section B.**
- D. The expiration date of a license for a deployed uniform service member or spouse will be extended for one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the uniformed service member’s return from deployment.**
- E. A (full/partial) exemption from continuing education requirements will be allowed**

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