

1 spouse to lawfully practice" his or her occupation in Louisiana if the military spouse meets
2 certain criteria; and

3 WHEREAS, R.S. 37:3651 also provides that when a military spouse is licensed in
4 another state and that state's licensure standards are "substantially equivalent" to Louisiana
5 standards, professional and occupational licensing boards are required to issue a temporary
6 practice permit to the military spouse while he or she is satisfying any remaining
7 requirements of Louisiana law; and

8 WHEREAS, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a letter on January 4, 2018, to over
9 fifty of the state's professional licensing boards urging them to review and implement these
10 existing provisions of Louisiana law as they relate to military spouses seeking a professional
11 license in Louisiana upon relocation.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that all Louisiana state professional
14 or occupational licensing boards review and implement these existing provisions of R.S.
15 37:3651 and issue a license, certification, or registration to a military-trained applicant or
16 military spouse to allow the applicant to lawfully practice the applicant's occupation in this
17 state.

DIGEST

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Requests that all La. state professional or occupational licensing boards follow the true intent and requirements of present law (R.S. 37:3651) regarding the issuance of professional or occupational licenses, certificates, or registration to a military-trained applicant or military spouse.