

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1527
(Representatives DeKrey, Horter, Price)
(Senators J. Lee, Traynor, Triplett)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

AN ACT to create and enact a new section to chapter 43-51 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to military service member exceptions to occupational licensing board license renewal requirements; to provide for application; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. A new section to chapter 43-51 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

Members of military - License renewal.

1. A board shall adopt rules to provide for or shall grant on a case-by-case basis exceptions to the board's license renewal requirements in order to address renewal compliance hardships that may result from:
 - a. Activation of more than thirty days of a licensee who is a member of the national guard or armed forces of the United States.
 - b. Service in the theatre or area of armed conflict by a licensee who is a member of the regular active duty armed forces of the United States.
2. For purposes of this section, the term board includes the state board of accountancy, state electrical board, North Dakota real estate appraiser qualifications and ethics board, state real estate commission, secretary of state with respect to contractor licensing, state board of medical examiners, and state board of dental examiners.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION. A board shall make a case-by-case exception determination under section 1 of this Act which applies to a licensure renewal that preceded the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1527 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 0 Absent 6

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2005.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State