

1-1 By: Hancock S.B. No. 1818
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2025; March 13, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs;
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 7, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hancock	X			
1-10	Parker			X	
1-11	Eckhardt	X			
1-12	Gutierrez	X			
1-13	Hagenbuch	X			
1-14	Hall	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1818 By: Hancock

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the issuance of a license or provisional license to
1-20 certain military service members, military veterans, and military
1-21 spouses to engage in a business or occupation in this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 55.004, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-24 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (b-1) On receipt by a state agency of an application for a
1-26 license in accordance with this section, the agency shall promptly
1-27 issue a provisional license to the applicant while the agency
1-28 processes the application or issue the license for which the
1-29 applicant applied. A provisional license issued under this
1-30 subsection expires on the earlier of:

1-31 (1) the date the agency approves or denies the
1-32 provisional license holder's application for the license; or

1-33 (2) the 180th day after the date the provisional
1-34 license is issued.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 55.0041, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-36 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

1-37 (b-1) On receipt by a state agency of the notice and
1-38 information required by Subsections (b)(1) and (2), the agency
1-39 shall promptly issue the confirmation under Subsection (b)(3) or
1-40 issue a provisional license to the military service member or
1-41 military spouse pending the issuance of a confirmation under
1-42 Subsection (b)(3). A provisional license issued under this
1-43 subsection expires on the earlier of:

1-44 (1) the date the agency issues or denies confirmation
1-45 under Subsection (b)(3); or

1-46 (2) the 180th day after the date the provisional
1-47 license is issued.

1-48 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2025, a state agency,
1-49 as defined by Section 55.001, Occupations Code, shall adopt rules
1-50 to implement Sections 55.004(b-1) and 55.0041(b-1), Occupations
1-51 Code, as added by this Act.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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