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4751-1-10.3 Licensing <u>active-duty military personnel</u> <u>service members</u>, veterans, <u>and licensees accompanying active-duty or</u> spouses <u>of</u> service members or veterans.

(A) Veterans:

- (1) Veterans may request consideration of their military training and experience toward licensure requirements. Requests shall be made in writing (electronic requests are acceptable) and contain supporting documentation that the veteran wishes to have considered by the board. The veteran must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the board that the veteran's training is substantially equivalent to the training required for initial licensure.
- (2) Veterans whose request for consideration of their military training and experience is denied by the board may request a personal appearance before the board. This request shall be made in writing. Electronic requests are acceptable.
- (3) Veterans applying for initial licensure may qualify for a one-time only waiver of the initial license fee provided they served at least one year under honorable circumstances and were honorably discharged. Appropriate documentation must be submitted for consideration.
- (4) The board's determination is final.
- (B) Active-duty military personnel, veterans, and licensees accompanying active-duty spouses:
 - (1) A licensee who submits a late renewal application due to the license's service in the armed forces shall be eligible for renewal if the following are met:
 - (a) The licensee presents the board with satisfactory evidence that, not more than six months prior to the date the evidence is submitted to the board, the license was honorably discharged or separated under honorable conditions;
 - (b) The licensee is not suffering a mental or physical impairment that may affect the individual's ability to safely practice; and,
 - (c) The licensee meets the requirements for license renewal required by section 4751.07 of the Revised Code.
 - (2) A licensee who submits a late renewal application due to the license's spouse's service in the armed forces shall be eligible for renewal if the following are met:

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(a) The licensee presents the board with satisfactory evidence that the licensee did not renew the license because the spouse's military service caused them to be absent from the state of Ohio;

- (b) The licensee presents the board with satisfactory evidence that, not more than six months prior to the date the evidence is presented to the board, the licensee's spouse was honorable discharged or separated under honor able conditions; and,
- (c) The licensee meets the requirements for license renewal required by section 4751.07 of the Revised Code.
- (1) Active-duty military and spouses deployed outside the United States may have an extension of any requirement or fee until ninety days after their return from deployment. This extension may not last more than three years past the expiration date of the license, and the licensee may not practice as an LNHA until the license is renewed.
- (3) Upon receipt of an application from a licensed nursing home administrator that is accompanied by proper documentation certifying that the individual has been called to active duty during a current or prior reporting period, and certifying the length of that active duty, the individual shall receive an extension of the current continuing education reporting period equal to the total number of months sent in active duty during the current reporting period. For purposes of this rule, any portion of a month serviced on the active duty shall be considered one full month.
- (2)(4) The board may waive all or part of the normal CEU requirements for license renewal for active-duty military and spouses under an extension as described above if it determines that obtaining the CEUs would cause undue hardship. The licensee shall make a written request to the board within the extension period for consideration. Electronic requests are acceptable.
- (3)(5) The board may waive all or part of the annual license renewal fee at its sole discretion if it determines that enforcing the fee would cause undue hardship. The licensee shall request any such waiver in writing. Electronic requests are acceptable.
- (4) Spouses of service members temporarily residing in the state due to their spouse's service may be granted a one-hundred-eighty-day temporary license provided that:

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- (a) The spouse was actively licensed in the previous/permanent state of residence;
- (b) The spouse pays the specified fee (including examination fee if necessary);
- (e) The spouse meets any other requirements established by the board.
- (5) The temporary license may be extended by the board at its sole discretion. The licensee shall request any such extension in writing. Electronic requests are acceptable.
- (6) The board may waive all or part of the temporary license fee at its sole discretion if it determines that enforcing the fee would cause undue hardship. The licensee shall request any such waiver in writing. Electronic requests are acceptable.
- (7) The board's determination is final.
- (C) Delegation of authority: The board may delegate its authority to act on request received in accordance with this program to the chairperson and executive secretary so that determinations can be made in a timely manner.

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