

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Streamlining the occupational licensing process for military families is one way the State of Texas can support those who devote their lives to service of our country. H.B. 2214 requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation to conduct a review of its occupational licenses to determine which ones are highly sought after by military service members, their spouses, and veterans. The purpose of this review and subsequent legislative report is to reduce bureaucratic delays in the issuance of these in demand licenses.

H.B. 2214 amends current law relating to a report by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation concerning license applicants who are military service members, military veterans, or military spouses.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Occupations Code, by adding Section 51.40135, as follows:

Sec. 51.40135. REPORT CONCERNING LICENSE APPLICANTS WHO ARE MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, MILITARY VETERANS, OR MILITARY SPOUSES. (a) Defines "military service member," "military veteran," and "military spouse."

(b) Requires the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to review each type of license issued by TDLR to an individual to identify the types for which a significant number of military service members, military veterans, or military spouses submit applications.

(c) Requires TDLR, not later than December 1, 2020, to submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over TDLR a report on the results of the review and any recommendations related to the efficient issuance of licenses to qualified military service members, military veterans, and military spouses.

(d) Requires TDLR to make the report available on TDLR's Internet website.

(e) Provides that this section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.