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S. 4608

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide for the portability of professional licenses of members of the uniformed services and their spouses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUNT, Mrs. LOEFFLER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RISCH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. THUNE, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. TILLIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Spouse Li-
5 censing Relief Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES**
3 **AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title VII of the Servicemembers
5 Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4021 et seq.) is amended by
6 inserting after section 705 (50 U.S.C. 4025) the following
7 new section:

8 **“SEC. 705A. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF**
9 **SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.**

10 “In any case in which a servicemember has a profes-
11 sional license in good standing in a jurisdiction or the
12 spouse of a servicemember has a professional license in
13 good standing in a jurisdiction and such servicemember
14 or spouse relocates his or her residency because of military
15 orders to a location that is not in such jurisdiction, the
16 professional license or certification of such servicemember
17 or spouse shall be considered valid and in good standing
18 in the jurisdiction of such new residency for the duration
19 of such military orders if such servicemember or spouse—

20 “(1) provides a copy of such military orders to
21 the licensing authority in the jurisdiction in which
22 the new residency is located;

23 “(2) remains in good standing with the licens-
24 ing authority that issued the license; and

25 “(3) submits to the authority of the licensing
26 authority in the new jurisdiction for the purposes of

1 standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of
2 any continuing education requirements.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
4 in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after
5 the item relating to section 705 the following new item:

“Sec. 705A. Portability of professional licenses of servicemembers and their
spouses.”.

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