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AN ACT
RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR EXPEDITED TEACHER
LICENSURE FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, SPOUSES OF MILITARY
SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the School Personnel Act is
enacted to read:

"EXPEDITED LICENSURE--MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS AND
SPOUSES--VETERANS.--

A. The department shall, as soon as practicable
after a military service member, the spouse of a military
service member or a veteran with a valid and current or an
expired license from another jurisdiction files an
application for a license:

- (1) process the application; and
- (2) issue a license to a qualified applicant

who submits satisfactory evidence that demonstrates the
required competencies and meets other requirements and
qualifications for the license for which the teacher applies,
including clearance of the required background check. The
local superintendent may require a mentorship period for the
licensee if the local superintendent deems it necessary. A
teacher who holds an out-of-state license may apply for a
lower level license if the teacher does not meet the

1 requirements for the higher level.

2 B. A license issued pursuant to this section shall
3 not be renewed unless the license holder satisfies the
4 requirements for the issuance and the renewal of the license
5 for which the teacher applies. Upon the issuance of a
6 license pursuant to this section, the department shall notify
7 the license holder of the requirements for renewing the
8 license in writing.

9 C. A license issued pursuant to this section to an
10 applicant with an expired license shall not be valid for more
11 than one year.

12 D. As used in this section:

13 (1) "military service member" means a person
14 who is serving in the armed forces of the United States or in
15 an active reserve component of the armed forces of the United
16 States, including the national guard; and

17 (2) "veteran" means a person who has
18 received an honorable discharge or separation from military
19 service in the armed forces of the United States or in an
20 active reserve component of the armed forces of the United
21 States, including the national guard."

22 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2018. _____