

## CHAPTER 62

**AN ACT** concerning the expiration date of certain professional and occupational licenses and registrations for certain members of the Armed Forces of the United States, amending P.L.1968, c.362 and supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.45:1-15.2 Professional, occupational licenses, registrations, expiration date for individuals with certain types of military service; delayed.

1. Any license issued by a professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), and any registration issued under the “New Jersey Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,” P.L.1970, c.226 (C.24:21-1 et al.), shall not expire while the licensee or registrant is an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States and shall be extended for up to 120 days after his or her return from active service. Any late renewal fees, reinstatement fees and other reinstatement requirements shall be waived by the applicable professional or occupational board or the Division of Consumer Affairs upon application by the licensee or registrant within 120 days after he or she returns from active service. If the license or registration is renewed during the 120-day period after his or her return from active service, and the licensee or registrant submits documentation verifying his or her active military service, the licensee or registrant shall only be responsible for normal fees and activities relating to renewal of the license or registration and shall not be charged any additional costs, such as, but not limited to, late fees or delinquency fees.

As used in this section, “active member” means an individual or member of an organized unit ordered into active service in the Armed Forces of the United States by reason of membership in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. Section 18 of P.L.1968, c.362 (C.45:14C-18) is amended to read as follows:

C.45:14C-18 Expiration of license; renewal; exceptions.

18. Every State license issued hereunder shall automatically expire on June 30 following the date of its issuance. Licenses may be renewed annually by the State board upon written application of the holder and payment of the prescribed fee and renewal of required bond. Such license may be renewed without the holder having to be re-examined, provided said application for renewal is made within 30 days next preceding or following the scheduled expiration date. Any applicant for renewal making application at any time subsequent to the 30 days next following the scheduled expiration date may be required by the State board to be re-examined, and such person shall not continue to act as a State licensed master plumber, as described in this act, and no firm, corporation or other legal entity for which such person is the bona fide representative shall operate thereafter under a State license in the plumbing business, as described in this act, until a valid State license has been secured or is held by a bona fide representative.

Any State license expiring while the holder thereof is outside the continental limits of the United States in connection with any project undertaken by the Government of the United States shall be renewed without such holder being required to be re-examined, upon payment of the prescribed fee at any time within 4 months after such person's return to the United States.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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