117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

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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

Mr. Lee introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 2021”.

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

(a) In General.—Title VII of the Servicemembers
Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4021 et seq.) is amended by
inserting after section 705 (50 U.S.C. 4025) the following
new section:

"SEC. 705A. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF
SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES.

"(a) In General.—In any case in which a service-
member has a professional license in good standing in a
jurisdiction or the spouse of a servicemember has a profes-
sional license in good standing in a jurisdiction and such
servicemember or spouse relocates his or her residency be-
cause of military orders for military service to a location
that is not in such jurisdiction, the professional license or
certification of such servicemember or spouse shall be con-
sidered valid at a similar scope of practice and in the dis-
cipline applied for in the jurisdiction of such new residency
for the duration of such military orders if such service-
member or spouse—

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

"(2) remains in good standing with the licens-
ing authority that issued the license; and
“(3) submits to the authority of the licensing authority in the new jurisdiction for the purposes of standards of practice, discipline, and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

“(b) Interstate Licensure Compacts.—If a servicemember or spouse of a servicemember is licensed and able to operate in multiple jurisdictions through an interstate licensure compact, with respect to services provided in the jurisdiction of the interstate licensure compact by a licensee covered by such compact, the servicemember or spouse of a servicemember shall be subject to the requirements of the compact or the applicable provisions of law of the applicable State and not this section.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 705 the following new item:

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