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CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, and filed with the agency secretary on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Pharmacy

INTENDED ACTION: New

RULE NO.: 680-X-2-.51
(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended) **N/A**

RULE TITLE: Licenses for Qualified Military Servicemembers and their Spouses

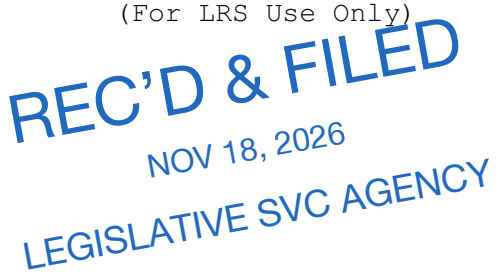
ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted with or without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments:

Adopted without changes. No comments were received.

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(NOTE: In accordance with §41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

680-X-2-.51 Licenses for Qualified Military Servicemembers and their Spouses.

(1) **General**. This Rule implements the requirements of 50 U.S.C. § 4025a, as amended, commonly known as "The Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act." In accordance with the Act, a Service-Connected Practitioner who holds a license to practice as a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician in a state other than Alabama will be granted a license to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician in Alabama, as applicable, subject to the conditions and procedures set forth in this Rule.

(2) **Definitions**. As used in this Rule:

(a) "Service-Connected Practitioner" means a servicemember as defined in 50 U.S.C. § 3911(1), and the spouse of the servicemember.

(b) "Military Orders" means official military orders (including orders for separation or retirement), or any notification, certification, or verification from the servicemember's commanding officer, with respect to the servicemember's current or future military duty status. The term "Military Orders" includes, but is not limited to, a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) order.

(c) "Qualifying License" means a license to practice as a pharmacist or a pharmacy technician issued by the applicable licensing authority of the District of Columbia, any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, or of any of the United States other than the State of Alabama.

(d) "Good Standing" means that the license referred to is active and is not suspended, revoked, disciplined, restricted, conditioned, under probation, or otherwise in a status that restricts the activities of the licensee under the authority of the license; does not have an investigation relating to unprofessional conduct pending in any jurisdiction relating to it; and has not been voluntarily surrendered while under investigation for unprofessional conduct in any jurisdiction.

(3) **Qualification for, and Grant of, License**. The Executive Secretary shall issue a license to practice as a pharmacist or pharmacy technician, as applicable, to a Service-Connected Practitioner who:

(a) holds one or more Qualifying License(s), all of which are in Good Standing;

(b) because of Military Orders, relocates his or her residence from a place outside Alabama to a place within Alabama; and

(c) submits to the Executive Secretary a completed application as described below in subsection (4) of this Rule which demonstrates the applicant's qualification for licensure.

If requested, the Executive Secretary shall also issue an Alabama Controlled Substances permit to a Service-Connected Practitioner who receives a license to practice as a pharmacist pursuant to this Rule.

(4) **Procedure**. The Executive Secretary shall create and publish an application form by which Service-Connected Practitioners may apply for a license under this Rule. The Executive Secretary shall, without any further Board action, issue a license to a Service-Connected Practitioner who submits a complete application form as described in this Rule which demonstrates the applicant's qualification for licensure. The application form shall require the Service-Connected Practitioner to provide sufficient identifying and other information to substantiate his or her eligibility for issuance of a license under this Rule. The Executive Secretary shall not collect any fee for accepting or processing an application under this Rule. The application form must include at least:

(a) Proof of Military Orders described in subsection (3)(b);

(b) If the applicant is the spouse of a servicemember, a copy of the marriage certificate;

(c) A notarized affidavit or other sworn statement affirming, under the penalty of law, that—

i. the applicant is the person described and identified in the application;

ii. all statements made in the application are true, correct, and complete;

iii. the applicant has read and understands the requirements to receive a license, and the scope of practice for a pharmacist, or of a pharmacy technician, as the case may be, of the State of Alabama;

iv. the applicant certifies that the applicant meets and shall comply with requirements described in subparagraph (iii); and

v. the applicant is in Good Standing in all States in which the applicant holds or has held a license to practice as a pharmacist or as a pharmacy technician, as the case may be.

(5) **Scope of Practice**. A Service-Connected Practitioner who is issued a license under this Rule is authorized to practice within the scope of practice for pharmacists or pharmacy technicians, as applicable, as defined in Alabama law.

(6) **Subjection to Jurisdiction**. A Service-Connected Practitioner who is issued a license under this Rule shall be subject to the regulatory and disciplinary jurisdiction of the Board.

(7) **Continuing Education**. A Service-Connected Practitioner who is issued a license under this Rule shall comply with the continuing education requirements imposed by Rule 680-X-2-.36 in the case of pharmacists, or Rule 680-X-2-.37 in the case of pharmacy technicians.

(8) **Other Requirements and Certifications**. This Rule does not fulfill or excuse the Service-Connected Practitioner from any applicable requirement to obtain a DEA registration for an Alabama location pursuant to 21 C.F.R. § 1301.12, or any other applicable license, permit, fee, tax, or assessment. This Rule does not require the Executive Secretary to grant expedited preceptor, consultant, parenteral, immunization, or nuclear certifications. The Executive Secretary may, however, in his or her discretion, issue expedited preceptor, consultant, parenteral, immunization, or nuclear certifications if the applicant demonstrates substantially equivalent training and qualification. A Service-Connected Practitioner who receives a license to practice as a pharmacy technician pursuant to this Rule shall not be required to complete the training prescribed by Rule 680-X-2-.14(9)(a).

(9) **Biennial Renewal**. Each Service-Connected Practitioner who holds a license issued pursuant to this Rule shall complete the biennial license renewal process outlined in Ala. Code § 34-23-52 in the case of pharmacists, and Ala. Code § 34-23-131 in the case of pharmacy technicians, including payment of the applicable renewal fees.

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