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Sponsor Testimony for HB 75
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Chairman Johnson, Vice-Chair Lanese and Ranking Member Craig, thank you for allowing Representative Merrin and I to speak to House Bill 75, which will expedite the occupational license process for active duty military members and their spouses.

Because military families move at nearly 10 times the rate of the population in general, it's not difficult to see how frustrating it could be for the spouse of a military member to transition to a job in a new state that requires an occupational license.

This bill seeks to support military families by recognizing their occupational license in other states and expediting the process for them to start working in Ohio. If the requirements for the license in the previous state match or exceed Ohio's standards, they will be granted a full license. If the requirements in the previous state are below Ohio's standards, they will be given a license by endorsement and will have 12 months to satisfy our requirements for a full license.

If someone is given a license by endorsement, their scope of practice will be the exact same that it was in the previous state. This provision is important because our duty, first and foremost, is to ensure Ohioans are safe.

To put it simply, this is a good bill that makes life a little easier for our military families.

Chairman Johnson, thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 75.