

Military and Veterans Affairs Committee Update for WDC Board

June 23, 2021

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee (MVAC)

The Military and Veteran Affairs Committee met on April 29, 2021. With feedback from committee members the mission statement was revised. The mission statement now reads:

“The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee provides a forum for Military Career program leaders and stakeholders to explore, and act upon, job transition issues and solutions unique to Veterans, *Active* service, National Guard, Reserve members, and their spouses,”

MVAC Military Spouse Subcommittee

- **There was no Military Spouse Subcommittee meeting.**

The committee discussed HB961 HD1 SD2 Relating to Military Dependents

The Governor signed the bill on May 26, 2021 and it is now Act 018.

Major takeaways are that this bill will provide a "streamlined" pathway for temporary licensure of a military spouse who is seeking employment with the State to waive the residency requirement. It also allows them temporary and expedited licensure for certain professions.

The spouse will be issued a temporary license to allow the person to perform specified services, with supervision if necessary, and shall not exceed the total time period of the license expiration or 5 years.

The new law will take effect January 1, 2022.