

Summary of Proposed Rule Changes

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation proposes changes to the rules at 16 TAC, Chapter 60, Procedural Rules of the Commission and the Department.

What are the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rule changes:

- Implement Senate Bill (SB) 422, 88th Legislature, Regular Session (2023), and the federal Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act at 50 U.S.C. §4025a into Department rules;
- Update current rule definitions and terms to comport with federal and state law;
- Extend license recognition for out-of-state occupational licenses for military service members stationed in Texas;
- Extend residency status for non-resident license applicants to military service members;
- Establish a three-year duration of out-of-state occupational licenses for military spouses whose status has changed due to a divorce or other occurrence;
- Repeal the issuance of a three-year temporary license, formerly available in conjunction with the recognition of an out-of-state license, for eligible military members as it is redundant with other licensing options; and
- Repeal current §60.518 and introduce new §60.518 to implement the provisions of SB 422 and the federal legislation.

When and where can I review the proposed rule changes?

The proposed rule changes will be published in the September 29, 2023, [issue of the Texas Register](#). **This link will NOT work until September 29, 2023.** Beginning on that date the link will take you to the *Texas Register* issue. Scroll down to the Proposed Rules section and look for the heading Procedural Rules of the Commission and the Department to locate these proposed rule changes.

Comments on the proposed rule changes may be submitted [online](#) . The Department will accept comments on the proposed rule changes until October 30, 2023.