HCS SB 666 -- LICENSE RENEWAL FOR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

SPONSOR: Scott (Day)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Veterans by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute adds deaf interpreters, occupational therapists, clinical perfusionists, dietitians, massage therapists, interior designers, acupuncturists, and tattooists to the list of licensed professionals who are allowed to extend their license renewal with the Division of Professional Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration while on active military duty.

An application for a driver's license for a person mobilized and deployed with the United States armed forces is allowed to be signed by the person who holds general power of attorney for the applicant.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that many licensees are on active duty serving overseas and are unable to renew their licenses at the appropriate time. The bill allows the licensee to renew his or her license after completion of his or her tour of duty.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Wasson for Senator Scott.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.