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**AB-107, CDCA SIGNATURE PIECE OF LEGISLATION, SIGNED INTO LAW
IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA MILITARY FAMILIES**

On October 9, 2021, Governor Newsom signed (Assembly Bill) AB-107 into law. AB-107 expedites the process of relicensing for various professions and vocations for military spouses, and expands the job opportunities that military spouses qualify for - while easing the burdens placed on families serving our nation. Assemblymember Rudy Salas led the creation of a legislative solution for military spouses, and the California Defense Communities Alliance (CDCA) actively supported this effort. The bill received widespread bi-partisan support.

Professions such as accountants, auditors, medical and dental assistants rank among the top occupations for military spouses. The recently signed AB-107 will add these professions and others to the licensing program to enable military spouses to more quickly gain employment in a number of important jobs in California.

“We are thrilled that AB-107 will become law in 2023,” says CDCA Co-Chairperson and Chair of Beale Military Liaison Council Janice Soohoo Nall. “AB-107 was CDCA’s signature piece of legislation and we are grateful for numerous communities, mayors, and defense organizations, for their help in connecting with their lawmakers and writing letters in support.”

CDCA Co-Chairperson and CEO of San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) Mark Balmert, said, “It was time for California to join so many other states in making temporary licenses accessible and allow military spouses to contribute in their respective professional fields. Our state will have thousands more qualified professionals in

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important fields including healthcare.”

California has the largest share our nation’s military – over 160,000 active duty personnel and an additional 57,999 National Guard stationed throughout our State, thus making California the largest concentration of American military of any state or country in the world. More than 62,000 military spouses are living in our state and approximately 35% of military spouses work in a profession that requires a license in order to be employee.

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