

SENATE FILE NO. SF0074

Professional licensing-military spouses.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military  
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; providing  
2 for the issuance of professional and occupational licenses  
3 to military spouses as specified; providing for temporary  
4 practice permits; requiring rulemaking; and providing for  
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-1-116 is created to read:

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11 **33-1-116. Professional and occupational licensure of**  
12 **military spouses; temporary permits.**

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14 (a) As used in this section:

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1           (i) "Active" means a status of occupational or  
2 professional licensure which has not been suspended,  
3 revoked or terminated and which is not otherwise inactive;

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5           (ii) "Applicant" means a military spouse seeking  
6 licensure from a professional or occupational licensing  
7 board of this state;

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9           (iii) "Good standing" means a status of  
10 occupational or professional licensure which is in  
11 compliance with all requirements imposed by the issuing  
12 licensing, certification or registration authority;

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14           (iv) "License" means any license, certificate or  
15 registration required to practice an occupation or  
16 profession;

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18           (v) "Military service member" means an active  
19 uniformed member of the United States army, navy, air  
20 force, marine corps, coast guard, United States public  
21 health service commissioned corps, national oceanic and  
22 atmospheric administration commissioned corps, national  
23 guard or any reserve or auxiliary component thereof;

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1           (vi) "Military spouse" means the spouse of a  
2 military service member as defined in paragraph (v) of this  
3 subsection who has been transferred or is scheduled to be  
4 transferred to Wyoming, is domiciled in Wyoming or has  
5 moved to Wyoming on a permanent change-of-station basis.

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7           (b) A professional or occupational licensing board  
8 shall issue a license to a military spouse to allow the  
9 military spouse to lawfully practice a profession or  
10 occupation requiring licensure in this state if the  
11 military spouse:

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13           (i) Holds a relevant, active occupational or  
14 professional license in good standing from another state  
15 which state mandates substantially equivalent or more  
16 stringent educational, training, examination and experience  
17 requirements for licensure. Substantial equivalency shall  
18 be determined pursuant to rules which shall be adopted by  
19 the licensing board from which the military spouse  
20 applicant seeks licensure;

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22           (ii) Demonstrates competency in the occupation  
23 or profession for which the military spouse applicant seeks  
24 licensure. Competency shall be determined pursuant to

1 rules which shall be adopted for that purpose and may  
2 include consideration of continuing education credits,  
3 recent work experience, disciplinary actions taken against  
4 the applicant in other states and other factors used to  
5 determine the competency of nonmilitary spouse license  
6 applicants;

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8 (iii) Has not engaged in any act that would  
9 constitute grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of  
10 the occupational or professional license sought in this  
11 state; and

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13 (iv) Completes all required application  
14 procedures and pays any required fee.

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16 (c) All relevant work experience of a military spouse  
17 applicant, including full-time or part-time experience,  
18 regardless of whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, may  
19 be credited in any work experience requirement adopted by  
20 an occupational or professional licensing board.

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22 (d) This section shall apply to all applications for  
23 licensure under W.S. 21-2-802 or under title 33 of the  
24 Wyoming statutes except title 33, chapter 5, attorneys at

1 law and applications to any board which represents a  
2 profession with prescriptive drug authority.

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4 (e) Pursuant to rules which may be adopted for this  
5 purpose, a professional or occupational licensing board may  
6 issue a temporary practice permit to a military spouse  
7 applicant who meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(i) of  
8 this section and who has applied for a professional or  
9 occupational license under this section. The military  
10 spouse applicant may practice under the temporary permit  
11 for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days or  
12 until the professional or occupational license for which  
13 they have applied has been either granted or denied,  
14 whichever first occurs.

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16 (f) Professional or occupational licensing boards  
17 shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

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19 **Section 2.** This act shall apply to applications for  
20 professional licensing which are filed on or after July 1,  
21 2013.

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1           **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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