Military Spouse Licensure Portability Examination State Report



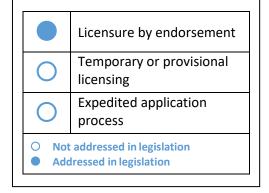
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Summary of Legislation

Enacted in 2011 and updated in 2016, House Bill 384 allows spouses of Active Duty military members to practice their profession without a Utah license as long as they have a current license in another state in that profession and that license is in good standing. To utilize the exemption, spouses must agree with their employer on the required documentation and specific licensing requirements. The boards do not regulate requirements or gather documents related to military spouse exempt licensing.

Location of Bill: House Bill 384 https://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/static/HB0384.html

Legislation Meets Best Practices Guidelines for Military Spouse Licensure Portability by:



Results from Data Collection

General Findings

- Spouses of Active Duty military members are exempt from licensure in Utah, meaning they do not need to be licensed in Utah if they already possess a valid license from any other state.
- This exemption applies to each of the boards except the Real Estate Commission, which does not have unique licensing processes for military spouses.
- No information was available from any board about the number of military spouses who have transferred their licenses in the last year.

Findings Specific to Each Board

Cosmetology

- Spouses of Active Duty military members can work under their license from another state as long as it is active and in good standing.
- All required documentation and specific licensing requirements are agreed upon by the employer and the spouse.

Dental Hygiene

- Spouses of Active Duty military members can work under their license from another state as long as it is active and in good standing.
- All required documentation and specific licensing requirements are agreed upon by the employer and the spouse, but no exam is required.

Massage Therapy

• Spouses of Active Duty military members can work under their license from another state as long as it is active and in good standing.





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Results from Data Collection (continued)

• The board recommends that employers require documentation of spouses' marital status and licensure and Service members' military status, but the documentation and specific licensing requirements are the responsibility of the employer.

Mental Health Counseling

- Spouses of Active Duty military members can work under their license from any other state as long as it is active and in good standing.
- All required documentation and specific licensing requirements are agreed upon by the employer and the spouse.

Occupational Therapy

- Spouses of Active Duty military members can work under their license from another state as long as it is active and in good standing.
- The board recommends that employers require documentation of spouses' marital status and licensure and Service members' military status, but the documentation and specific licensing requirements are the responsibility of the employer.

Real Estate Commission

- The board does not have any unique application procedures for military spouse applications.
- Only spouses licensed in Georgia, Mississippi, or Alberta, Canada are eligible for licensure by reciprocity and do not have to take a state jurisprudence exam.
- Spouses with a license from any other state may apply for a waiver of educational and national exam requirements. These spouses must take the state jurisprudence exam and may be required to take pre-license education classes, depending upon previous education.
- Once all application documents have been submitted, the process to transfer a real estate license takes five business days or less.

Recommendations

Future efforts could:

- Encourage boards to prominently display information about military spouse exempt licensing on their website.
- Collaborate with individual occupational licensing boards and employers to collect data regarding the number of military spouses that utilize license exemptions each year.



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