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Summary of Legislation

Passed in 2013, Senate Bill 1068 applies to the Board of Education. SB 1068 states that military spouses may obtain certificates with stipulation and provisional educator endorsement if they hold valid teaching certificates or licenses in good standing from other jurisdictions. A provisional educator endorsement is valid until June 30 immediately following two years of the license being issued and cannot be renewed.

According to the bill, military spouses are defined as the spouses of Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard Service members. Each occupational licensing board within the department of self-governing agencies may expedite the application of spouses, which includes the occupations in this report except dentistry and real estate.

Location of Bill:

Senate Bill 1068 - <https://legislature.idaho.gov/sessioninfo/2013/legislation/S1068/>

Results from Data Collection

General Findings

- Staff at occupational boards were unaware of legislation that supports licensure portability for spouses, and there is no unique process or point of contact for any of the boards.
- All boards support licensure by endorsement (State Rule 300), and only the Board of Occupational Therapy issues temporary licenses.
- No board reported expediting applications for military spouses.
- No board had information about the number of spouses who transferred their licenses.

Findings Specific to Each Board

Cosmetology

- For licensure by endorsement, military spouses must hold a current license from another state whose requirements are equivalent to Idaho standards or hold a current license from another state and have work experience under such licensure in three of the last five years.
- Once submitted, the application is processed in three to five days.

Dental Hygiene

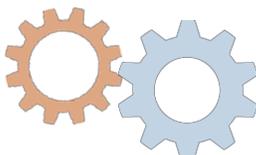
- To be eligible for licensure by credentials, spouses need to be licensed for at least one year and have practiced a minimum of 1,000 hours in the two years immediately before application.
- The application is typically processed in four weeks.

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

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Licensure by endorsement
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Temporary or provisional licensing
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Expedited application process

Not addressed in legislation

Addressed in legislation





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Results from Data Collection (continued)

Massage Therapy

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses need to submit the endorsement application, application fee, and proof of being licensed or certified in another jurisdiction with substantially similar requirements to those in Idaho.
- Applications will be processed within two to four weeks after board meetings. The schedule of board meetings is not specified on the board website.

Mental Health Counseling

- In order to be licensed by endorsement, spouses must hold a current license in good standing, and have documented experience of at least five years of practice under licensure in the seven years preceding the application.
- Applications are processed within one week.

Occupational Therapy

- Spouses can transfer their licenses by endorsement if they currently hold a valid license from another jurisdiction.
- A temporary license may be issued while the endorsement application is being processed.
- Licenses are issued within three to five days. For applications that require board review, the processing time varies depending on when the next board meeting will be (the board meets monthly).
- Licenses are issued within three to five days.

Real Estate Commission

- Although the board has no reciprocal agreements with other states, it waives the national portion of the licensing exam, pre-license education, and broker experience requirements if military spouses have an active license in another jurisdiction.
- Once an application is submitted, it takes approximately one week to be processed.

Recommendations

Future efforts could:

- Collaborate with state legislators to modify SB 1068 to read that all occupational boards, instead of only the Board of Education, shall issue provisional licenses by endorsement.
- Advocate for each occupational board to adopt guidelines and procedures that may facilitate the implementation of SB 1068.



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