



## ILLINOIS

### Summary of Legislation

Senate Bill 275, enacted in 2012, states that licensing boards shall issue expedited temporary occupational or professional licenses to military spouses. The temporary licenses are valid for six months after issued or until a decision is made regarding the full license application, whichever comes first, and no temporary license can be renewed. In order to qualify, spouses need to hold valid licenses from other jurisdictions and be married to Active Duty, Reserve, or National Guard Service members. In addition, the Service member needs to be assigned to a duty station in Illinois. Spouses need to submit applications for full licensure and pay the application fee.

Location of Bill:

Senate Bill 275 - <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/SB0275/2011>

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

<input type="radio"/>	Licensure by endorsement
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Temporary or provisional licensing
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Expedited application process
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### Results from Data Collection

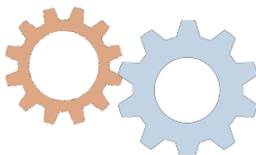
General Findings

- Staff from Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, and Mental Health Counseling boards are aware of legislation that supports licensure portability for military spouses, whereas staff from the other three boards (Massage Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Real Estate Commission) were unaware of the legislation.
- Cosmetology, Dental Hygiene, and Mental Health Counseling boards have unique processes for spouses. Spouses can be granted temporary licenses and their applications are expedited.
- To benefit from the legislation, spouses need to submit a Temporary Permit Military form with their full application, pay the application fee, and pay an extra fee for the temporary permit.
- After the application is processed and approved, a temporary permit letter will authorize the spouse to work for six months from the date of the letter and it cannot be renewed.
- To receive an expedited temporary permit, spouses submit their Dependent ID Card or a copy of their marriage license. If they are a spouse of a Veteran, they must submit a separation form indicating their Service members' active service concluded within the two years preceding the application.
- All boards allow licensure by endorsement.
- No board had information about the number of spouses who transferred their licenses in the last year.

Findings Specific to Each Board

*Cosmetology*

- Spouses can work under temporary licenses for six months and their applications are expedited. The board is unaware of any employers not accepting temporary licenses.





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### Results from Data Collection (continued)

- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement must have 1,500 hours of education in cosmetology and 12 months of work experience.
- Spouses' temporary licenses are expedited, which is a two to four week process; for other applicants, the average processing time is six to eight weeks.

#### *Dental Hygiene*

- Spouses can work under temporary licenses for six months.
- Spouses who have been licensed as a dental hygienist in another jurisdiction and have been practicing for the preceding three years before application can be granted a license in Illinois if they submit proof that the requirements for licensure in the other jurisdiction are at least equal to the requirements in Illinois.
- Spouses' applications are expedited and are processed within six weeks once completed.

#### *Massage Therapy*

- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement must submit proof of completing an approved massage therapy program, license certifications from another jurisdiction, and exam records from the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) or Massage and Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEX).
- A completed application takes six to eight weeks to process and military spouses' applications are not expedited.

#### *Mental Health Counseling*

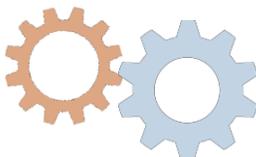
- Spouses can work under temporary licenses for six months. Spouses who apply for licensure by endorsement must submit proof of education, pass the professional counselor exam, pay application fee, and submit license certification from previous jurisdiction(s).
- Spouses' completed applications are expedited, which is a two to three week process; for other applicants, the average processing time is six to eight weeks.

#### *Occupational Therapy*

- Spouses who want to transfer licenses by endorsement must submit education certifications, certification of previous licenses, and original test results from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT).
- It takes six to eight weeks before completed applications are approved, and military spouses' applications are not expedited.

#### *Real Estate Commission*

- The Division of Real Estate has reciprocity agreements with seven states (Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin). Applicants from states that do not have reciprocity agreements with the division will need to take state level tests and be licensed by examination.
- Once submitted, the average processing time is four to six weeks, and there is no expedited processing for spouses.





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### Recommendations

#### Future efforts could:

- Disseminate information regarding policies that support military spouse licensure portability to military families who relocate due to a permanent change of station (PCS).
- Advocate to modify SB 275 to read that occupational boards shall increase the valid period of temporary licenses from six months to one year.

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