

## MISSOURI

### Summary of Legislation

House Bill No. 136 became effective in 2011 and underwent revisions in 2016. This bill allows licensing boards to issue a temporary license to a non-resident military spouse of an Active Duty Service member if they hold an equivalent and current license in good standing, have actively practiced for two of the five previous years, and have passed a criminal background check (if required). Temporary licenses are valid for 180 days and may be extended.

Location of Bill:

House Bill No. 136 - <http://www.moga.mo.gov/mostatutes/stathtml/32400000081.HTML>

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

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<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Temporary or provisional licensing
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### Results from Data Collection

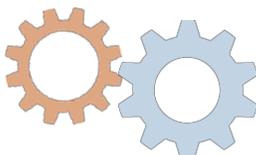
General Findings

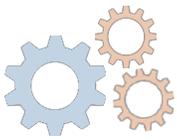
- Despite legislation, only the Real Estate Commission and Board of Cosmetology offer military spouses a temporary license.
- The boards reported no exceptions to the process of transfer of a license, and the application process was similar for all applicants in Missouri.
- The Board of Cosmetology offers expedited procedures for military spouse applications.
- Boards were unaware of any new or upcoming changes to policy regarding military spouse license portability.
- No information was available about how many military spouses have transferred their licenses within the last year.

Findings Specific to Each Board

*Cosmetology*

- Spouses with at least two years of experience must provide license verification and must pass a jurisprudence exam; if spouses have less than two years of experience, they must also provide proof of passing a written and practical exam.
- Military spouses can apply for a temporary license by completing the appropriate application and providing proof of military status. Temporary licenses are valid for 180 days and can be renewed once.
- Military spouse applications are expedited. Completed temporary licenses are processed on the day of application while completed reciprocity applications are typically processed within three to five business days.





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## Results from Data Collection (continued)

### *Dental Hygiene*

- Spouses with two years of experience must submit official transcripts, passing scores on the National Dental Hygiene Examination and state clinical exam, license verification(s), basic life support certification, and proof of successful completion of the jurisprudence exam.
- Applications are typically processed within one week of passing the jurisprudence exam.

### *Massage Therapy*

- Spouses must have graduated from an accredited program, passed one of the national exams, provided license verification(s), submitted proof of liability insurance, and passed a background check.
- If the spouses' previous credentialing state has been reviewed and approved by the board, applications are typically processed within one month.

### *Mental Health Counseling*

- Spouses must have graduated from an accredited program, provided verification of post-degree experience (3,000 hours), passed the National Counselor Examination (NCE), provided license verification(s) from all states in which they have been previously licensed, and pass a jurisprudence exam.
- Applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the next board meeting, and licenses are typically processed within two to three days after board approval.

### *Occupational Therapy*

- Spouses must provide verification of license(s), pass the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) exam, complete a background check with fingerprints, and pass a jurisprudence exam.
- Completed applications are typically processed within three to five business days.

### *Real Estate Commission*

- Spouses must send license verification, complete 24 hours of a pre-licensing course, and pass a jurisprudence exam.
- Spouses who meet licensure qualifications may get a 30-day temporary work permit as they apply for full licensure.
- Completed applications are typically processed within 10 business days.

## Recommendations

### Future efforts could:

- Encourage licensing boards to allow for temporary licenses or expedited processes for military spouses as most boards do not currently offer these options despite legislation.
- Advocate for legislation that waives the initial licensing fees for military spouses moving to Missouri because of a permanent change of station.



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