



SOUTH DAKOTA

Summary of Legislation

Enacted in 2013, Senate Bill 177 requires state occupational boards to expedite the process of issuing a license by endorsement to military spouses. Senate Bill 177 also requires boards to issue a temporary license if they are unable to review an application and determine whether a spouse is eligible for licensure by endorsement within 30 days of the completed application submission.

Location of Bill:

Bill 177 - <http://www.sdlegislature.gov/docs/legsession/2013/Bills/SB117ENR.htm>

Results from Data Collection

General Findings

- All boards offer licensure by endorsement. Also, all boards offer temporary licensure except for the Board of Counseling and Real Estate Commission.
- The boards of Occupational Therapy and Counseling expedite military spouse licenses via explicit procedures while the other boards do not have specific expediting procedures.
- During the past year, three military spouses transferred massage therapy licenses and none transferred counseling licenses. No other boards had information about the number of military spouses transferring licenses.

Findings Specific to Each Board

Cosmetology

- Licensure by endorsement requires a current license from another state with similar requirements (e.g., 2,100 hours of education or 2,000 hours of education and 2,000 hours of work experience) and successful completion of the jurisprudence exam.
- A non-renewable temporary license can be issued to spouses applying for licensure by endorsement if they have been hired at a salon and are waiting to take an exam.
- The process to transfer a cosmetology license can usually be completed on the same day as the application is received, but applications must be mailed since there is no online submission.

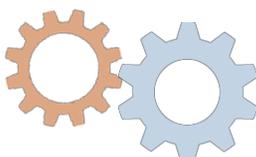
Dental Hygiene

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must have a valid license in another state with similar requirements (e.g., 3,000 practice hours during the past five years, cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] certification, completion of an accredited education program) as well as proof of successful completion of the online jurisprudence exam and a physician statement of acceptable mental and physical health.

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)

- Temporary licenses are issued to spouses who meet all licensing requirements and are waiting for board review of their application. The board meets approximately three times per year, and the temporary license is valid until one week after the next board meeting.
- The process for a spouse to transfer a dental hygienist license takes two weeks or less once a completed application is submitted.
- Board staff recommend that spouses declare their military spouse status in the military section of the application and call with any questions they may have about the application process.

Massage Therapy

- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement must submit proof of at least 500 education hours, successful completion of a national certification exam, and liability insurance.
- A 90-day temporary license, which can be renewed one time, is available for military spouses transferring their license who are waiting to take an exam.
- The process to transfer a massage therapy license takes less than seven days after application.

Mental Health Counseling

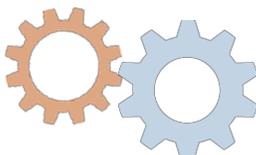
- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement must have a license from another state with similar requirements (e.g., accredited education, supervised hours, National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification [NCE]); however, the board recommends most people apply for initial licensure because the requirements are slightly less stringent.
- Military status is not requested on applications, and spouses must self-identify.
- The process to transfer a counseling license following application takes about four to six weeks, but expedited military spouse processing takes about two to three weeks.

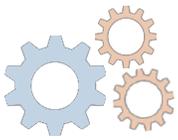
Occupational Therapy

- The board can waive examination, education, or experience requirements for spouses with a license from another state with equivalent requirements (e.g., accredited schooling program, six months supervised experience, approved exam completion).
- Temporary permits are available to allow spouses to practice under a licensed supervisor while they are waiting to complete an exam.
- The process to transfer a massage therapy license varies depending upon the spouse's qualifications, but the board expedites applications of military spouses.

Real Estate Commission

- Military spouse applications are processed the same as all applications. The board usually does not know spouses' military status because there is no related question in the application.
- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must submit an application with proof of successful completion of the state-specific exam, proof of errors and omissions insurance, and a written request by a responsible broker or the responsible broker form.
- The process to transfer a real estate license takes approximately two to three weeks after application.





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Recommendations

Future efforts could:

- Ensure that each occupational board has an available online application submission process to eliminate the mailing time from the amount of time needed to obtain a license.
- Collaborate with occupational boards to include questions related to military spouse status on all applications to alert board staff to the unique procedures for military spouses.

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