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Summary of Legislation

In Virginia, the legislation that regulates the licensure of military spouses includes House Bill 937, enacted in 2012, House Bill 1247, enacted in 2014, and House Bill 405, enacted in 2016. These bills require occupational boards to have processes of licensure by endorsement, temporary licensure, and expedited licensure for military spouses. Specifically, boards must issue a temporary license if they cannot process an application and issue a license by endorsement within 20 days of a completed application submission.

Location of Bills:

House Bill 937 - <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?121+ful+HB937ER+pdf>

House Bill 1247 - <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?141+ful+HB1247ER+pdf>

House Bill 405 - <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+ful+HB405ER+pdf>

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

Results from Data Collection

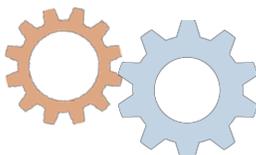
General Findings

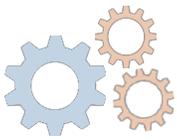
- All boards offer licensure by endorsement.
- All boards offer temporary licenses except the Mental Health Counseling Board and the Real Estate Commission.
- All boards except the Board of Massage Therapy expedite military spouse license applications.
- No boards had information pertaining to the number of military spouses transferring licenses in the past year.

Findings Specific to Each Board

Cosmetology

- Licensure by endorsement requires a license from another state with similar requirements (e.g., 1,500 hours of an accredited training program, written and practical exams).
- One-year temporary licenses allow spouses to practice under a licensed supervisor while completing state-specific requirements or waiting for application processing.
- The length of time to transfer a cosmetology license varies; however, the board issues a temporary license if it takes longer than 20 days to process an application.
- Spouses of Active Duty military members are eligible for expedited application processing if they submit copies of their military dependent ID card and Service member’s transfer orders.





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Results from Data Collection (continued)

Dental Hygiene

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must have a valid license in another state with similar requirements (e.g., schooling program accredited by either the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association [CODA] or the Commission on Dental Accreditation in Canada [CDAC], exams completed through the Central Regional Dental Testing Service [CRDTS], Western Regional Examining Board [WREB], Commission on Dental Competency Assessments [CDCA], Council of Interstate Testing Agencies [CITA], or American Board of Dental Examiners [ADEX]).
- One-year temporary licenses are available if the board cannot process a military spouse application within 20 days, but they are rarely issued due to already fast processing times.
- Applications are expedited for spouses of Active Duty military members who submit proof of orders transferring their Service member to Virginia.
- The process for a spouse to transfer a dental hygienist license takes two to three days after submission of a completed application.

Massage Therapy

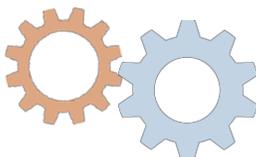
- Licensure by endorsement can be obtained if spouses' previous state of licensure has similar licensing requirements, including at least 600 hours of massage education, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, and successful completion of either the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx) or the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCETM/NCETMB).
- Temporary licenses are only issued to recent graduates and are not available for spouses completing state requirements in order to transfer their license.
- The process to transfer a massage therapy license takes four to six weeks.

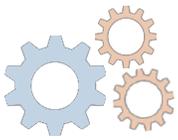
Mental Health Counseling

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must hold a current license in another state and have worked as a counselor for at least five of the past seven years.
- The board considers whether a spouse meets requirements for licensure by endorsement based on graduate coursework, degrees, hours of education, and supervised experience.
- The process to transfer a counseling license takes approximately 25 business days.

Occupational Therapy

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must show that the requirements for their license in another state were equivalent, at the time of licensure, to Pennsylvania's current requirements.
- Spouses applying for licensure by endorsement can obtain a six-month temporary license. Temporary licensees can only provide services when working with an occupational therapist who is fully licensed in Pennsylvania.
- The process to transfer an occupational therapy license takes four to six weeks.





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Real Estate Commission

- For licensure by endorsement, spouses must submit proof of licensure in another state with similar requirements (e.g., 60 hours of pre-licensing courses) and pass the jurisprudence exam.
- Spouses of Active Duty Service members can have their license application expedited (i.e., processed first) by submitting the Military Spouse Expedited License Application form, along with copies of their military dependent ID and their Service member's transfer orders.
- The process to transfer a real estate license takes 10-15 business days after application.

Recommendations

Future efforts could:

- Encourage each board to prominently display application information for military spouses on their website and to include questions about military spouse status on their applications.
- Advocate for a staff member on each board to be designated to help military spouses with licensure questions, applications, and expedited processing and to reduce board response time for spouses.

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