

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0128

Universal occupational licensure.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Laursen, Clem, Hallinan and
Miller and Senator(s) Biteman, Bouchard and
Case

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; extending
2 professional licensing options for military spouses to all
3 persons; providing for the issuance of professional and
4 occupational licenses to qualified applicants from other
5 states; requiring rulemaking; and providing for effective
6 dates.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 33-1-120 is created to read:

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12 **33-1-120. Professional and occupational licensure for**
13 **qualified individuals licensed in other jurisdictions.**

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15 (a) As used in this section:

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2 (i) "Active" means a status of occupational or
3 professional licensure which has not been suspended,
4 revoked or terminated and which is not otherwise inactive;

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6 (ii) "Applicant" means a natural person seeking
7 licensure from a professional or occupational licensing
8 board of this state;

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10 (iii) "Good standing" means a status of
11 occupational or professional licensure which is in
12 compliance with all requirements imposed by the issuing
13 licensing, certification or registration authority;

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15 (iv) "License" means any license, certificate or
16 registration required to practice an occupation or
17 profession.

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19 (b) A professional or occupational licensing board
20 shall issue a license to an applicant to allow the
21 applicant to lawfully practice a profession or occupation
22 requiring licensure in this state if the applicant:

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1 (i) Holds a relevant, active occupational or
2 professional license in good standing from another state
3 that mandates substantially equivalent or more stringent
4 educational, training, examination and experience
5 requirements for licensure. Substantial equivalency shall
6 be determined pursuant to rules that shall be adopted by
7 the licensing board from which the applicant seeks
8 licensure;

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10 (ii) Demonstrates competency in the occupation
11 or profession for which the applicant seeks licensure.
12 Competency shall be determined pursuant to rules that shall
13 be adopted for that purpose and may include consideration
14 of continuing education credits, recent work experience,
15 prior licensing examinations, disciplinary actions taken
16 against the applicant in other states and other appropriate
17 factors. Competency shall not be determined by assessment
18 of the applicant's knowledge or skills through a new
19 examination required by the board;

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21 (iii) Has not engaged in any act that would
22 constitute grounds for refusal, suspension or revocation of

1 the occupational or professional license sought in this
2 state; and

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4 (iv) Completes all required application
5 procedures and pays any required fee.

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7 (c) All relevant work experience of an applicant,
8 including full-time or part-time experience, regardless of
9 whether in a paid or volunteer capacity, may be credited in
10 any work experience requirement adopted by an occupational
11 or professional licensing board.

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13 (d) This section shall apply to all applications for
14 licensure under W.S. 21-2-802 or under title 33 of the
15 Wyoming statutes except for the following:

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17 (i) An application to be an attorney at law
18 under chapter 5 of title 33;

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20 (ii) An application to any board which
21 represents a profession with prescriptive drug authority.

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1 (e) Nothing in this section shall be held to limit
2 the rights or privileges of a military service member under
3 W.S. 33-1-116.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 33-1-117(e) is amended to read:

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7 **33-1-117. Temporary permits for military spouses.**

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9 (e) Pursuant to rules which may be adopted for this
10 purpose, a professional or occupational licensing board may
11 issue a temporary practice permit to a military spouse
12 applicant who meets the requirements of ~~paragraph (b)(i) of~~
13 ~~this section~~ W.S. 33-1-120(b)(i) and who has applied for a
14 professional or occupational license under ~~this section~~
15 W.S. 33-1-120. The military spouse applicant may practice
16 under the temporary permit for a period not to exceed one
17 hundred twenty (120) days or until the professional or
18 occupational license for which they have applied has been
19 either granted or denied, whichever first occurs.

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21 **Section 3.** W.S. 33-1-117(a)(i), (iii) and (b) through
22 (d) is repealed.

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