

ENROLLED ACT NO. 41, SENATE

SIXTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2025 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to professions and occupations; providing for the issuance of professional and occupation licenses to military service members as specified; providing for temporary practice permits for military service members; requiring temporary professional and occupation licenses to military service members as specified; amending and providing definitions; repealing provisions; specifying applicability; requiring rulemaking; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 33-1-117(a)(ii), (v), by creating a new paragraph (vii), (b)(intro), (i), by creating a new paragraph (v), (e) through (g) and by creating new subsections (h) through (m) is amended to read:

33-1-117. Expedited licenses and temporary permits for military service members and military spouses.

(a) As used in this section:

(ii) "Applicant" means a military service member or military spouse seeking licensure from a professional or occupational licensing board of this state;

(v) "Military service member" means an active member of the uniformed services as defined in W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xxii) or a person released from military service within two (2) years of applying for licensure, certification or registration pursuant to this section and whose service was characterized upon release as honorable;

(vii) "Military service" means service in the uniformed services as defined in W.S. 8-1-102(a)(xxii).

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(b) A professional or occupational licensing board shall issue an expedited license to a military service member or military spouse ~~to~~ within thirty (30) days of receiving a completed application or within thirty (30) days after an applicant's request, without filing a completed application, if the applicant holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another jurisdiction for not less than five (5) consecutive years. An expedited license issued under this subsection would allow the military service member or military spouse to lawfully practice a profession or occupation requiring licensure in this state if the military service member or military spouse:

(i) Holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another state and provides a military identification card, their spouse's military identification card or a marriage license as proof of being a military service member or military spouse;

(v) Provides a copy of military orders for military service in this state, or evidence of an honorable service characterization upon release from military service, and submits to the authority of the licensing authority in this state for purposes of standards of practice, discipline and fulfillment of any continuing education requirements.

(e) Pursuant to rules which ~~may~~ shall be adopted for this purpose, a professional or occupational licensing board may issue a temporary practice permit to a military service member or military spouse applicant who meets the requirements of paragraph (b)(i) of this section and who has applied for a professional or occupational license

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under this section. The military service member or military spouse applicant may practice under the temporary permit for a period not to exceed three (3) years provided the military service member or military spouse is making progress toward satisfying the unmet licensure requirements, or until the professional or occupational license for which they have applied has been either granted or denied, whichever first occurs. A board shall not charge a military service member or military spouse any fees for a temporary permit under this subsection.

(f) Professional or occupational licensing boards shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section, including the implementation of online applications for licensure and professional or occupational licensing by reciprocity for military service members or military spouses.

(g) On each licensure application or renewal form, a professional or occupational licensing board shall inquire and maintain a record of whether an applicant is a member of the military or is a military spouse. If an applicant self-identifies as and provides the board with satisfactory proof that the applicant is a military service member or military spouse, the board shall immediately commence the process of issuing a license or temporary permit and shall issue the license or temporary permit within thirty (30) days of receiving an application.

(h) In determining whether a military service member applicant's education and training meet a professional or occupational licensing board's respective educational and training requirements, the board shall consider any relevant education, training and experience received by the applicant as a member of the armed forces or reserves of

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the United States, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state or the naval militia of any state.

(j) Any emergency medical service license sought under W.S. 33-36-110 through 33-36-113 by a veteran of military service, by a military service member except a member of the national guard, by a national guard member separating from an active duty tour or by the spouse of any of these persons shall be processed and considered pursuant to the requirements of the Recognition of Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact Act, W.S. 33-36-202.

(k) Except as otherwise provided in this section, military service member and military spouse applicants shall be subject to the other provisions of this title and to any requirements properly adopted by the professional or occupational licensing board to which the applicant has applied.

(m) A professional or occupational licensing board shall issue a temporary license to a military service member or military spouse after receiving a completed application under this section, but while the application is pending review by the board, if the applicant holds a relevant, active occupational or professional license in good standing from another jurisdiction for not less than three (3) consecutive years. The military service member or military spouse applicant may practice under the temporary license for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. A board shall not charge a military service member or military spouse any fees for a temporary license under this subsection.

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Section 2. W.S. 33-1-116 and 33-1-117(b)(ii) are repealed.

Section 3. This act shall apply to applications for professional licensing that are filed on or after the effective date of this act.

Section 4. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk