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SENATE BILL 15-031

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING RECIPROCITY TO PRACTICE A PROFESSION IN COLORADO

102 DURING A PERSON'S FIRST YEAR OF RESIDENCY IN THIS STATE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Current law allows a military spouse to practice an occupation or profession during the person's first year of residence in Colorado if the person is authorized to practice in another state, there is no basis to disqualify the person from practice, and the person consents to the jurisdiction of the disciplinary authority of the appropriate agency. The bill expands this practice to all persons during their first year of residence

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

in Colorado.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 12-1.5-102 as
3 follows:

4 **12-1.5-102. Authority to practice - reciprocity - exceptions.**

5 (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, EXCEPT AS
6 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON NEED
7 NOT OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE AN OCCUPATION OR PROFESSION
8 UNDER ANY ARTICLE OF THIS TITLE DURING THE PERSON'S FIRST YEAR OF
9 RESIDENCE IN COLORADO IF:

10 (a) THE PERSON IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE THAT OCCUPATION
11 OR PROFESSION IN ANOTHER STATE;

12 (b) OTHER THAN THE PERSON'S LACK OF LICENSURE,
13 REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION IN COLORADO, THERE IS NO BASIS TO
14 DISQUALIFY THE PERSON UNDER THIS TITLE; AND

15 (c) THE PERSON CONSENTS, AS A CONDITION OF PRACTICING IN
16 COLORADO, TO BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION AND DISCIPLINARY
17 AUTHORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY.

18 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PREVENT AN AGENCY FROM ENTERING
19 INTO A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT WITH THE REGULATING AUTHORITY OF
20 ANOTHER STATE OR JURISDICTION IF OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

21 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE
22 UNDER ARTICLE 25, 28, 36, 40, OR 61 OF THIS TITLE.

23 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-71-102, **amend**
24 (1) (a) as follows:

25 **12-71-102. Authority to practice - reciprocity.**

1 (1) Notwithstanding any other article of this title, a person need not
2 obtain authority to practice an occupation or profession under this title
3 during the person's first year of residence in Colorado if:

4 (a) The person is ~~a military spouse who~~ is authorized to practice
5 that occupation or profession in another state;

6 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
7 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
8 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
9 5, 2015, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2015); except that, if a
10 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
11 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
12 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
13 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
14 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
15 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.