

SENATE FILE NO. SF0119

Expedited professional licensure for military members.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Boner, Barlow, Hutchings and
Nethercott and Representative(s) Brown, L,
Geringer, Nicholas and Styvar

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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

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4 (a) As used in this section:

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

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10 (v) "Military service member" means an active
11 member of the uniformed services as defined in W.S.
12 8-1-102(a)(xxii) or a person released from military service
13 within two (2) years of applying for licensure,
14 certification or registration pursuant to this section and
15 whose service was characterized upon release as honorable;

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

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20 (b) A professional or occupational licensing board
21 shall issue an expedited license to a military service
22 member or military spouse ~~to~~ within thirty (30) days of
23 receiving a completed application which would allow the

1 military service member or military spouse to lawfully
2 practice a profession or occupation requiring licensure in
3 this state if the military service member or military
4 spouse:

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

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

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20 (e) Pursuant to rules which ~~may~~ shall be adopted for
21 this purpose, a professional or occupational licensing
22 board may issue a temporary practice permit to a military
23 service member or military spouse applicant who meets the

1 requirements of paragraph (b)(i) of this section and who
2 has applied for a professional or occupational license
3 under this section. The military service member or
4 military spouse applicant may practice under the temporary
5 permit for a period not to exceed three (3) years provided
6 the military service member or military spouse is making
7 progress toward satisfying the unmet licensure
8 requirements, or until the professional or occupational
9 license for which they have applied has been either granted
10 or denied, whichever first occurs. A board shall not charge
11 a military service member or military spouse any fees for a
12 temporary permit under this subsection.

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

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21 (g) On each licensure application or renewal form, a
22 professional or occupational licensing board shall inquire
23 and maintain a record of whether an applicant is a member

1 of the military or is a military spouse. If an applicant
2 self-identifies as and provides the board with satisfactory
3 proof that the applicant is a military service member or
4 military spouse, the board shall immediately commence the
5 process of issuing a license or temporary permit and shall
6 issue the license or temporary permit within thirty (30)
7 days of receiving an application.

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9 (h) In determining whether a military service member
10 applicant's education and training meet a professional or
11 occupational licensing board's respective educational and
12 training requirements, the board shall consider any
13 relevant education, training and experience received by the
14 applicant as a member of the armed forces or reserves of
15 the United States, the national guard of any state, the
16 military reserves of any state or the naval militia of any
17 state.

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19 (j) Any emergency medical service license sought
20 under W.S. 33-36-110 through 33-36-113 by a veteran of
21 military service, by a military service member except a
22 member of the national guard, by a national guard member
23 separating from an active duty tour or by the spouse of any

1 of these persons shall be processed and considered pursuant
2 to the requirements of the Recognition of Emergency Medical
3 Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact Act, W.S.
4 33-36-202.

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

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

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16 **Section 3.** This act shall apply to applications for
17 professional licensing that are filed on or after July 1,
18 2025.

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20 **Section 4.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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22 (END)