

HCS HBs 1511 & 1452- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY

Sponsor: Lynch

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 12 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 6 to 2.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HCS HBs 1511 & 1452.

This bill allows any nonresident military spouse to apply for an occupational license in Missouri, as long as he or she holds a valid current license issued by another state or territory of the United States. The bill includes nonresident spouses of active duty members who have been transferred or are scheduled to be transferred to Missouri or an adjacent state and is domiciled in Missouri, or who have moved to Missouri on a permanent change-of-state basis.

Currently, an occupational license oversight body is required to waive any examination, educational, or experience requirements for licensure by reciprocity for an applicant within six months of receiving an application, if it determines that the licensing requirements in the jurisdiction that issued the applicant's license are substantially similar to or more stringent than Missouri's licensing requirements. This bill changes the time line to issue a license to 30 days and removes the provision that licensing requirements in the other jurisdiction be substantially similar or more stringent than Missouri's requirements.

Currently, the law shall be interpreted so as to imply no conflict between it and any compact, or reciprocity agreement with other states in effect on August 28, 2018. This bill specifies that should any conflict arise between the reciprocity section and the provisions of any compact or reciprocity agreement, the provisions of such compact or agreement shall prevail.

This bill specifies that a nonresident military spouse is eligible, under this bill, to apply for a license with any board, department, agency, or office of a jurisdiction that issues licenses.

This bill repeals the provisions relating to the issuance of a temporary courtesy license to a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the military.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced

version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will address the challenge that military families face due to having to move often. The bill will provide more fairness and higher quality of life for those in uniform.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lynch; Opportunity Solutions Project; Joseph L. Driskill; and Womens Foundation.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.