

**HOUSE BILL No. 2178**

By Representative Sloan

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1 AN ACT concerning licenses and permits; relating to nonresident military  
2 spouses.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any  
6 licensing body, as defined by K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto,  
7 shall, upon application, issue a license to a nonresident military spouse,  
8 so that the nonresident military spouse may lawfully practice the person's  
9 occupation.

10 (b) A nonresident military spouse shall receive a license under  
11 subsection (a) of this section if, at the time of application, the military  
12 spouse:

13 (1) Holds a current license in another state, district or territory of the  
14 United States with licensure requirements that the licensing body  
15 determines are equivalent to those established by the licensing body of  
16 this state;

17 (2) was engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which  
18 the military spouse seeks a license in a state, district or territory of the  
19 United States for at least two of the five years preceding the date of  
20 application under this section;

21 (3) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have  
22 constituted grounds for the refusal, suspension or revocation of a license  
23 to practice that occupation in this state at the time the act was committed;

24 (4) has not been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity in  
25 another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint,  
26 review procedure or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing or  
27 credentialing entity in another jurisdiction;

28 (5) pays any fees required by the licensing body of this state; and

29 (6) submits with the application a signed affidavit stating that the  
30 application information, including necessary prior employment history, is  
31 true and accurate. Upon receiving such affidavit, the licensing body shall  
32 issue the license to the military spouse on a probationary basis, but may  
33 revoke the license at any time if the information provided in the  
34 application is found to be false.

35 (c) Relevant full-time experience in the discharge of official duties  
36 of military service or of an agency of the federal government shall be

1 credited in the calculation of years of practice under subsection (b) of this  
2 section.

3 (d) A nonresident military spouse licensed under this section shall be  
4 entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as are  
5 provided by the licensing body for Kansas residents, except that  
6 revocation or suspension of a nonresident military spouse's license in the  
7 nonresident military spouse's state of residence shall automatically cause  
8 the same revocation or suspension of such nonresident military spouse's  
9 license in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to a nonresident licensee  
10 where the license is subject to such automatic revocation or suspension  
11 except for the purpose of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension  
12 of the nonresident military spouse's license by the nonresident military  
13 spouse's state of residence.

14 (e) For the purposes of this section, "military spouse" means the  
15 spouse of an individual who is currently in active service in any branch of  
16 the armed forces of the United States.

17 (f) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the  
18 regulation of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A 7-703, and amendments thereto.

19 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
20 publication in the statute book.

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