

48-3406. Expedited state licensure procedure if licensed in another state for military service members or military spouses. (a) For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Licensing body" has the meaning ascribed thereto in K.S.A. 74-146, and amendments thereto;
- (2) "military service" means the army, navy, marine corps, air force, air or army national guard of any state, coast guard or any branch of the military reserves of the United States;
- (3) "military service member" means a member who entered into military service and separated from such military service with an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions; and
- (4) "military spouse" means the spouse of an individual who is currently in active service in any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any licensing body shall:

- (1) Upon submission of a completed application, issue a license to a nonresident military spouse, so that the nonresident military spouse may lawfully practice the person's occupation; and
- (2) upon submission of a completed application within six months following release from military service, issue a license to a military service member with an honorable discharge so that the military service member may lawfully practice the person's occupation.

(c) A military service member with an honorable discharge or nonresident military spouse shall receive a license under subsection (b) of this section:

(1) Pursuant to applicable licensure by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes of the licensing body of this state for the profession license; or

(2) if the professional practice act does not have licensure by endorsement, reinstatement or reciprocity statutes, then, at the time of application, the military service member or nonresident military spouse:

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

(B) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for the limitation, suspension or revocation or that the applicant has never been censured or had other disciplinary action taken or had an application for licensure denied or refused to practice an occupation for which the military service member or nonresident military spouse seeks licensure;

(C) has not been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity in another jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing or credentialing entity in another jurisdiction nor has surrendered their membership on any professional staff in any professional association or society or faculty for another state or licensing jurisdiction while under investigation or to avoid adverse action for acts or conduct similar to acts or conduct which would constitute grounds for disciplinary action in a Kansas practice act;

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

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

Any probationary license issued under this section to a military service member or nonresident military spouse shall not exceed three months.

(d) Any person who has not been in the active practice of the occupation during the two years preceding the application for which the applicant seeks a license may be required to complete such additional testing, training, mentoring, monitoring or education as the Kansas licensing body may deem necessary to establish the applicant's present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(e) A nonresident military spouse licensed under this section shall be entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as are provided by the licensing body for Kansas residents, except that revocation or suspension of a nonresident military spouse's license in the nonresident military spouse's state of residence or any jurisdiction in which the nonresident military spouse held licensure shall automatically cause the same revocation or suspension of such nonresident military spouse's license in Kansas. No hearing shall be granted to a nonresident licensee where the license is subject to such automatic revocation or suspension except for the purpose of establishing the fact of revocation or suspension of the nonresident military spouse's license by the nonresident military spouse's state of residence.

(f) In the event the licensing body determines that the license currently held by the military service member under subsection (c)(2)(A) is not equivalent to those issued by the licensing body of this state, the licensing body may issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the military service member to lawfully practice the person's occupation while completing any specific requirements that are required in this state for licensure that were not required in the state, district or territory of the United States in which the military service member was licensed or certified.

(g) A licensing board may grant certification, licensure or a temporary permit to any person who meets the requirements under this section but was separated from such military service with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

(h) Each licensing body may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and carry out the provisions of this section.

(i) This section shall not apply to the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys pursuant to K.S.A. 7-103, and amendments thereto.

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