

HB 1511 -- PROFESSIONAL LICENSING RECIPROCITY

SPONSOR: Lynch

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.

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 60 days.

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.

This bill is similar to HB 1452 (2020) and HCS HB 1140 (2019).