
HOUSE BILL 2102

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1 AN ACT Relating to expediting professional licenses for new
2 Washington residents; and amending RCW 18.340.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.340.020 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 5 s 2 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (1) For the purposes of this section, "authority" means any
7 board, commission, or other authority for issuance of a license,
8 certificate, registration, or permit under this title.

9 (2) To the extent resources are available:

10 (a) Each authority shall establish procedures to expedite the
11 issuance of a license, certificate, registration, or permit to
12 perform professional services regulated by each such authority to a
13 person(~~(~~

14 ~~(i))~~ who is ((certified or) licensed, certified, or registered,
15 or has a permit in another state to perform professional services in
16 that state; and:

17 (i) Establishes residence in Washington; or

18 ~~(ii) ((Whose spouse is the subject of a military transfer to~~
19 ~~Washington; and~~

1 ~~(iii) Who~~) Left employment in (~~the other~~) another state to
2 accompany the person's spouse who was subject to a military transfer
3 to Washington.

4 (b) The procedure must include a process for issuing the person a
5 license, certificate, registration, or permit, if, in the opinion of
6 the authority, the requirements for licensure, certification,
7 registration, or obtaining a permit of such other state are
8 substantially equivalent to that required in Washington.

9 (c) Each authority in this title shall develop a method and adopt
10 rules to authorize a person who meets the criteria in (a)(i)
11 (~~through (iii)~~) and (ii) of this subsection to perform services
12 regulated by the authority in Washington by issuing the person a
13 temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit for a limited
14 period of time to allow the person to perform services regulated by
15 the authority while completing any specific additional requirements
16 in Washington that are not related to training or practice standards
17 of the profession that were not required in the other state in which
18 the person is licensed, certified, or registered, or has a permit.
19 Nothing in this section requires the authority to issue a temporary
20 license, certificate, registration, or permit if the standards of the
21 other state are substantially unequal to Washington standards.

22 (d) An applicant must state in the application that he or she:

23 (i) Has requested verification from the other state or states
24 that the person is currently licensed, certified, registered, or has
25 a permit; and

26 (ii) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or
27 disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or
28 states.

29 (e) If the authority finds reasonable cause to believe that an
30 applicant falsely affirmed or stated either of the requirements under
31 (d)(i) or (ii) of this subsection, the authority may summarily
32 suspend the license, certificate, registration, or permit pending an
33 investigation or further action to discipline or revoke the license,
34 certificate, registration, or permit.

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