

Military Spouse License Transfer Options

MINNESOTA LAW

M.S.A. § 197.4552

197.4552. Expedited and temporary licensing for former and current members of the military
Subdivision 1. Expedited licensing processing. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each professional licensing board defined in section 214.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a license or certification to perform professional services regulated by each board to a qualified individual who is:

- (1) an active duty military member;
- (2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or
- (3) a veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.

Subd. 2. Temporary licenses. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, each professional licensing board defined in section 214.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, shall establish a procedure to issue a temporary license or certification to perform professional services regulated by each board to a qualified individual who is:

- (1) an active duty military member;
- (2) the spouse of an active duty military member; or
- (3) a veteran who has left service in the two years preceding the date of license or certification application, and has confirmation of an honorable or general discharge status.

(b) A qualified individual under paragraph (a) must provide evidence of:

- (1) a current, valid license, certificate, or permit in another state without history of disciplinary action by a regulatory authority in the other state; and



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(2) a current criminal background study without a criminal conviction that is determined by the board to adversely affect the applicant's ability to become licensed.

(c) A temporary license or certificate issued under this subdivision shall allow a qualified individual to perform regulated professional services for a limited length of time as determined by the licensing board. During the temporary license period, the individual shall complete the full application procedure as required by applicable law.

Subd. 3. Rulemaking. Each licensing board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section. M.S.A. § 214.01

214.01. Definitions

Subdivision 1. Application. The words defined in this section for purposes of this chapter have the meanings given them unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

Subd. 1a. Council of Health Boards. "Council of Health Boards" means a collaborative body established by the health-related licensing boards.

Subd. 2. Health-related licensing board. "Health-related licensing board" means the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators established pursuant to section 144A.19, the Office of Unlicensed Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice established pursuant to section 146A.02, the Board of Medical Practice created pursuant to section 147.01, the Board of Nursing created pursuant to section 148.181, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners established pursuant to section 148.02, the Board of Optometry established pursuant to section 148.52, the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice established pursuant to section 148.6449, the Board of Physical Therapy established pursuant to section 148.67, the Board of Psychology established pursuant to section 148.90, the Board of Social Work pursuant to section 148E.025, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy pursuant to section 148B.30, the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy established by section 148B.51, the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice established under section 148.622, the Board of Dentistry established pursuant to section 150A.02, the Board of Pharmacy established pursuant to section 151.02, the Board of Podiatric Medicine established pursuant to section 153.02, and the Board of Veterinary Medicine established pursuant to section 156.01.

Subd. 3. Non-health-related licensing board. "Non-health-related licensing board" means the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board established pursuant to section 122A.07, the Board of Barber Examiners established pursuant to section 154.001, the Board of Cosmetologist Examiners established pursuant to section 155A.20, the Board of Assessors established pursuant to section 270.41, the Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design established pursuant to section 326.04, the Private Detective and



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Protective Agent Licensing Board established pursuant to section 326.33, the Board of Accountancy established pursuant to section 326A.02, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board established pursuant to section 626.841.

