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Working with state policymakers to support military families



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STATE POLICY

Military Spouse Employment

“Our military isn’t going to be able to keep our best and our brightest if they have to choose between love of family and love of country....supporting military families is critical to our national security.”

--Dr. Jill Biden, First Lady of the United States



Military Spouses in Oregon

- 1,372 Active Duty Spouses
 - (not including Coast Guard)
- Estimated that over 450 military spouses or domestic partners in Oregon require a license to participate in their profession



Occupational Licensure for Military Spouses

2013: HB 2037

- Requires professional licensing boards to issue temporary authorization to qualified individual (military spouse or domestic partner with a current professional license).

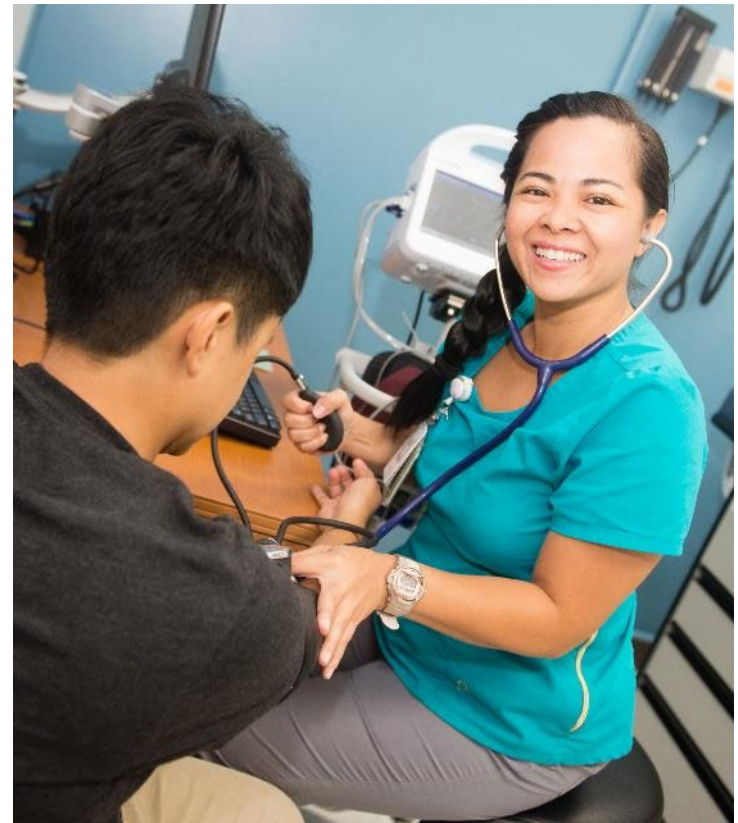
2019: HB 3030 and SB 688

- Requires a report to the legislature on utilization of temporary authorization.
- Temporary authorization is valid for up to 2 years and is not renewable.
- “Shall” language included.



Possible Continued Improvements

- **Ensure licenses are issued within 30-days of application.**
- Continue to keep application process simple (minimal documentation).
- Make information for licensure easily accessible through websites.



Compacts



Create a legally binding agreement between states

Similar to a contract, a compact establishes a formal, legal relationship among states to address common problems or promote a common agenda.



Promote cooperative action among states

Compacts can be leveraged for any issue where states have a need to coordinate. For example, existing compacts are used to reduce burdens for military families in transition, solve boundary disputes, manage shared natural resources, and build resilience to natural disasters



Provide a widely recognized and durable policy solution

Every state is a member of at least one compact. There are over 250 active compacts in the U.S., and on average states are members of about 25.

Source: National Center for Interstate Compacts, Council of State Governments



DSLO: Ready to Support

The Defense-State Liaison Office stands ready to help you make changes in these areas and others that matter to military families.

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Thank you for helping our military families.

