

Proposed language for addition to 37-1-138 MCA

(3) (a) A spouse of a person who is actively serving in the United States armed forces, who is stationed in Montana under military orders, and who is licensed in good standing in another state or United States territory to practice a profession or occupation regulated by the department, is upon application to the department entitled to receive a temporary license. The Department shall waive the application fee.

(b) A temporary license issued under this section is valid for three years after the date of issuance and may not be renewed.

(c) An applicant under subsection (3)(a) is not eligible for a temporary license if issuing the license would violate an existing licensure compact or if the applicant has committed an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action against a professional or occupational licensee or license applicant under Title 37.

This language allows for the military spouse applicant who has a license in good standing in another state or jurisdiction to receive immediate temporary licensure and thus immediate ability to use that license in employment.

In addition to the waived fee, the temporary license is valid for an extended period to allow military spouse licensees to work up to three years on a deployment without renewing. If the licensee's deployment will be extended beyond three years, they simply would notify the department and receive an active (regular) license that would then be subject for renewal each year.

Part (c) simply allows for the standard reservation of licensure under conditions that may threaten public safety.