

HB 303 -- Courtesy Professional Licenses for Nonresident Military Spouses

Sponsor: Day

This bill requires any state agency or board that regulates an occupation or profession to establish criteria for the issuance of a temporary courtesy license to a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the military who is stationed in Missouri allowing him or her to lawfully practice his or her occupation or profession in this state and allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to issue a temporary courtesy authorization to allow a school district to hire a nonresident military spouse in a teaching position. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Requires an applicant for a courtesy license to hold a current license or certificate from another state, district, or United States territory whose licensing requirements are equivalent to those established by Missouri law for that occupation or profession;
- (2) Requires an applicant to have been engaged in the active practice of the occupation or profession for at least two of the past five years preceding the date of his or her application;
- (3) Specifies that an applicant cannot have committed an act that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license or certificate under Missouri law;
- (4) Specifies that an applicant cannot have been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity or be the subject of an unresolved complaint, review, or disciplinary proceeding;
- (5) Requires an applicant to pay any appropriate required fees; and
- (6) Specifies that a temporary courtesy license or certificate will be valid for 180 days and may be extended at the discretion of the applicable regulatory board or agency for another 180 days.

These provisions will not apply to the practice of law or the regulation of attorneys.