

TITLE 67
STATE GOVERNMENT AND STATE AFFAIRS

CHAPTER 93 [94]
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING REFORM ACT

67-9301 [67-9401]. SHORT TITLE. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Occupational Licensing Reform Act."

[67-9301 [67-9401], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 878.]

67-9302 [67-9402]. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The Idaho legislature, recognizing a need for occupational licensing reform, declares it to be the policy of the state to adopt a comprehensive and proactive approach to reducing occupational licensing constraints and barriers.

[67-9302 [67-9402], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 878.]

67-9303 [67-9403]. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Honorable conditions" means an honorable discharge or a general discharge "under honorable conditions."

(2) "Licensing authority" means any agency, bureau, commission, department, division, or professional or occupational licensing board charged with granting, suspending, or revoking the license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization of any person to practice a profession or occupation, including but not limited to the professional and occupational licensing boards within the department of self-governing agencies.

(3) "Licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization of any person to practice a profession or occupation.

(4) "Military" means the armed forces or reserves of the United States, including the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, air force, and the reserve components thereof, the national guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state.

(5) "Veteran" means any person who has been discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable conditions provided the person has served on active duty for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days.

[67-9303 [67-9403], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 878.]

67-9304 [67-9404]. MILITARY EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND SERVICE -- QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. A licensing authority shall accept relevant and applicable military education, training, or service by an individual as a member of the armed forces or a veteran toward the qualifications to receive licensure. Each licensing authority shall promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this section.

[67-9304 [67-9404], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 879.]

67-9305 [67-9405]. EXPEDITED APPLICATION -- MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES. A licensing authority shall expedite the application of a member of the military, a former member of the military after discharge under honorable conditions, a veteran, or a spouse of any such person, to re-

ceive licensure if such member, former member, veteran, or spouse possesses necessary education, qualifications, licensure, or certification from another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any branch of the armed forces or the national guard. Each licensing authority shall promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this section.

[67-9305 [67-9405], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 879.]

67-9306 [67-9406]. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT -- MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES. (1) A licensing authority shall establish a procedure for the issuance of licensure by endorsement to a member of the military, a former member of the military after discharge under honorable conditions, a veteran, or a spouse of any such person, if such person possesses current, valid, and unrestricted licensure in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any branch of the armed forces or the national guard. Each licensing authority shall promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person who is a member of a profession or occupation covered by an interstate licensure compact that the person's home state and Idaho have each adopted. In such a situation, a person shall apply for licensure pursuant to the terms of the applicable licensure compact rather than through licensure by endorsement. A person from a state that has not adopted an interstate licensure compact that Idaho has adopted is eligible for licensure by endorsement, provided that such person is otherwise eligible for licensure by endorsement under this section; however, such licensure shall be valid only in Idaho. A licensing authority for a profession or occupation affected by an interstate licensure compact that Idaho has adopted shall promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

[67-9306 [67-9406], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 879.]

67-9307 [67-9407]. REPORT TO LEGISLATURE. A licensing authority shall, by January 1, 2020, prepare and deliver to an appropriate germane legislative committee information regarding the rules, if any, implemented under this chapter.

[67-9307 [67-9407], added 2019, ch. 296, sec. 1, p. 880.]