

Military Reciprocity of Licensure Legislation Highlights

Bill Summary

The intent of this legislation is to provide reciprocity of professional licensure and fee abatement for military service members, their spouses or dependent children who are stationed in New Mexico. The military member, their spouse or dependent children ***must*** maintain licensure in good standing in another state while using these provisions. The state of New Mexico will waive licensure fees in New Mexico for a period of up to three continuous years.

Reasons to Vote YES on this Legislation

- In February 2018, the Secretaries of the Armed Forces co-signed a letter stating that, among other factors, consideration reciprocity of professional licensure for military families will be a factor to consider for future basing or mission alternatives.
- The military is a significant contributor to New Mexico's economy, \$9.5 billion of annual impact. That is \$26 million per day! For comparability, the Oil & Gas Industry is estimated at \$12.8 billion annual impact and Tourism is estimated at \$6.6 billion of annual impact
- The Secretary of the Air Force repeatedly identifies reciprocity of licensure as an important attribute of "military value" toward becoming a base of preference!
- This supports the military and non-military, by providing access to qualified licensed professionals (teachers, CPA's, attorneys, etc.)

This proposed legislation is a Kirtland Partnership Committee product on behalf of the military-community partnering organizations in New Mexico