



26 (4) (a) The board, or the department if there is no board,  
 27 shall ~~may~~ issue a ~~temporary~~ professional license to the spouse  
 28 of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United  
 29 States who submits to the department:

30 1. A completed application upon a form prepared and  
 31 furnished by the department in accordance with the board's  
 32 rules;

33 ~~2. The required application fee;~~

34 ~~3.~~ Proof that the applicant is married to a member of the  
 35 Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty;

36 3.4. Proof that the applicant holds a valid license for  
 37 the profession issued by another state, the District of  
 38 Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States, and  
 39 is not the subject of any disciplinary proceeding in any  
 40 jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a license to practice  
 41 a profession regulated by this chapter;

42 ~~4.5.~~ Proof that the applicant's spouse is assigned to a  
 43 duty station in this state pursuant to the member's official  
 44 active duty military orders; and

45 ~~5.6.~~ Proof that the applicant would otherwise be entitled  
 46 to full licensure under the appropriate practice act, and is  
 47 eligible to take the respective licensure examination as  
 48 required in Florida.

49 (c) Each board, or the department if there is no board,  
 50 shall review the results of the state and federal criminal

51 history checks according to the level 2 screening standards in  
52 s. 435.04 when granting an exemption and when granting or  
53 denying the ~~temporary~~ license.

54 (e) The department shall waive the applicant's licensure  
55 ~~set an application fee, which may not exceed the cost of issuing~~  
56 ~~the license.~~

57 (f) An applicant issued a license under this subsection  
58 may renew such license upon completion of the conditions for  
59 renewal required of licenseholders under the applicable practice  
60 act, including, without limitation, continuing education  
61 requirements. This paragraph does not limit waiver of initial  
62 licensure requirements under this subsection ~~A temporary license~~  
63 ~~expires 12 months after the date of issuance and is not~~  
64 ~~renewable.~~

65 (g) An applicant for a ~~temporary~~ license under this  
66 subsection is subject to the requirements under s. 456.013(3)(a)  
67 and (c).

68 (h) An applicant shall be deemed ineligible for a  
69 ~~temporary~~ license pursuant to this section if the applicant:

70 1. Has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to,  
71 regardless of adjudication, any felony or misdemeanor related to  
72 the practice of a health care profession;

73 2. Has had a health care provider license revoked or  
74 suspended from another of the United States, the District of  
75 Columbia, or a United States territory;

76           3. Has been reported to the National Practitioner Data  
 77 Bank, unless the applicant has successfully appealed to have his  
 78 or her name removed from the data bank; or

79           4. Has previously failed the Florida examination required  
 80 to receive a license to practice the profession for which the  
 81 applicant is seeking a license.

82           (i) The board, or the department if there is no board, may  
 83 revoke a ~~temporary~~ license upon finding that the individual  
 84 violated the profession's governing practice act.

85           (j) The board, or the department if there is no board,  
 86 shall:

87           1. Expedite all applications submitted by a spouse of an  
 88 active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States  
 89 pursuant to this section; and

90           2. Issue a temporary professional license valid for the  
 91 duration of the application review process to such spouse once  
 92 the board or department verifies the information provided by the  
 93 spouse pursuant to paragraph (a) is accurate.

94           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.