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To the Oregon Legislative Assembly:

As required by 2014 House Bill 4057, the Oregon Board of Optometry is reporting on implementation of the requirements of ORS 342.195 regarding expedited licensing for spouses and domestic partners of active-duty military personnel.

The Oregon Board of Optometry generally issues a license within a business day of receiving a completed application. The only significant barrier to completed applications for licensure for otherwise qualified applicants is the requirement that each applicant have sent to the Board proof of licensure status and disciplinary history from each US state in which they are currently or have ever been licensed. Some states are not timely in returning these confirmations, delaying licensure.

To meet the requirements of the statute, the Board approved in policy and drafted revisions to its administrative rules that are expected to be adopted following a rule hearing before the end of this calendar year. The proposed rule reads:

852-010-002X Military Spouse and Domestic Partner Licensure:

(1) Regardless of pathway to licensure, if the applicant is the spouse or legal domestic partner of an active service military member who is the subject of a military transfer to Oregon, the Board may issue a temporary license for up to 90 calendar days pending receipt of required good standing status confirmations, if the applicant:

(a) Meets all other requirements for licensure as stated in OAR **852-010-0015**;

(b) Attests to being in good standing, with no restrictions or limitations upon, actions taken against, or investigation or disciplinary action pending against his or her license in any jurisdiction where the applicant is or has ever been licensed;

(c) The Board's review of the other jurisdictions' licensing websites and the National Practitioner Data Bank confirm no disciplinary action; and

(d) The military spouse or domestic partner submits a copy of the marriage certificate or domestic partnership registration with the name of the applicant and the name of the active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and proof of assignment to a duty station located in Oregon by official active duty military order for the spouse or domestic partner named in the marriage certificate or domestic partnership registration.

(2) Failure of the applicant to provide confirmation(s) required within 90 days results in automatic expiration of the temporary license. Applicant may not be reissued a temporary license.

(3) A regular license will be issued upon receipt of required status confirmation(s).



As of this date, the Board has received no application for expedited licensure under this statute.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nancy DeSouza', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Nancy DeSouza
Executive Director
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