

On July 25, 2013, Governor Neil Abercrombie signed into law a bill relating to professional and vocational licensing for nonresident military spouses.

House Bill No. 185 HD2 SD2 CD1 (Act 185, Session Laws of Hawaii ("SLH") 2013) amends Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), section 436B-14.7, by limiting licensure by endorsement or reciprocity for military spouses to those spouses who are present in the State for at least one year pursuant to military orders. The Act specifies that a license issued to a military spouse by endorsement or reciprocity shall be valid for the same time period as other similar licenses. The Act limits the validity of the license to a maximum of five years in the aggregate.

Click here to see a copy of Act 185, SLH 2013:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2013/bills/GM1288_.PDF

On July 6, 2012, Governor Abercrombie signed into law a bill relating to professional and vocational licensing for military personnel.

House Bill No. 2258 HD2 SD1 (Act 248, SLH 2012) also amends HRS Chapter 436B, by requiring that every licensing authority, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant, shall consider relevant and substantially equivalent education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the military when evaluating qualifications for licensure.

Click here to see a copy of Act 248, SLH 2012:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/bills/GM1351_.PDF

Please email your questions regarding Act 185, SLH 2013 and/or Act 248, SLH 2012 to: pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov