

# Assembly California Legislature



## BRIAN MAIENSCHIN ASSEMBLYMAN, SEVENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT AB 186 – Fact Sheet

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### **Background**

Current law allows spouses of active duty military members, who have been redeployed to California from another state, to get an expedited professional license if they have a valid license for the same profession in another state.

According to a recent study by the California Research Bureau, California has around 72,500 military spouses residing in the state at any given time. It is estimated that over one third of these individuals are involved in a profession that requires some sort of licensing requirement—two of the top three professions being school teachers and nurses.

A military family can receive orders to move as often as every two years. According to the Department of Defense, military spouses are ten times more likely to have moved across state lines in the last year compared to their civilian counterparts. This poses a particularly difficult problem for spouses of military personnel who work in a licensed vocation such as teaching and nursing.

A December article published in USAA Magazine described the process as taking many months even after all appropriate documentation has been submitted, fees being paid, and tests taken to receive the license. Often times, potential employees can't even start looking for jobs until their licenses have been received. This has all lead to an estimated 26% of military spouses being unemployed and seeking work—more than three times the national average.

With the implementation of temporary licensing though AB 186, military spouses will be able to immediately look for employment to help support their families while taking all the necessary steps to apply and receive a license from the state.

### **This Bill**

AB 186 seeks to authorize military spouses, who have moved here on active duty orders and who have a valid professional license in another state, to receive an 18-month provisional license in the same profession for which they are applying for licensure. The licensee applicant must provide sufficient evidence of being married to, or in a domestic partnership or legal union with, an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces.

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