



State of Wisconsin
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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 135

March 31, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives MURPHY, ALLEN, BEHNKE, BODDEN, BRANDTJEN, BROOKS, DITTRICH, MURSAU, NEYLON, PENTERMAN, TUSLER and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE, FELZKOWSKI, QUINN, ROYS, STROEBEL and TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 89.073 (1), 89.073 (2m), 440.09 (1) and 440.09 (2m); *to amend*
2 89.073 (title), 89.073 (2) (b), 440.09 (title) and 440.09 (2) (b); and *to create*
3 440.09 (6) of the statutes; **relating to:** reciprocal credentials.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a process for certain individuals who hold a license, certification, registration, or permit that was granted by another state to apply for and receive a reciprocal credential in this state. Under current law, an individual may not engage in certain professions or assume certain titles in this state unless the individual holds a credential issued by a department, examining board, or credentialing board with authority to oversee the profession or practice. Current law requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services, the Veterinary Examining Board, and any credentialing board attached to DSPS, with certain exceptions, to issue a reciprocal credential to a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member who resides in this state if certain conditions are met. This bill expands who may apply for reciprocal credentials to include all individuals. The bill does not allow individuals to receive a reciprocal credential from the Accounting Examining Board or the Real Estate Examining Board that would grant the holder of the credential a limited right to practice law in this state, unless the applicant is licensed to practice law in this state.

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For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 89.073 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **89.073** (title) **Reciprocal credentials for service members, former**
3 **service members, and their spouses.**

4 **SECTION 2.** 89.073 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 3.** 89.073 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 89.073 (2) (b) The individual ~~is a service member, a former service member, or~~
7 ~~the spouse of a service member or former service member~~ and resides in this state.

8 **SECTION 4.** 89.073 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

9 **SECTION 5.** 440.09 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

10 **440.09** (title) **Reciprocal credentials for service members, former**
11 **service members, and their spouses.**

12 **SECTION 6.** 440.09 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

13 **SECTION 7.** 440.09 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 440.09 (2) (b) The individual ~~is a service member, a former service member, or~~
15 ~~the spouse of a service member or former service member~~ and resides in this state.

16 **SECTION 8.** 440.09 (2m) of the statutes is repealed.

17 **SECTION 9.** 440.09 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

18 440.09 (6) This section does not apply to a reciprocal credential issued by the
19 accounting examining board or the real estate examining board that grants the

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1 holder a limited right to practice law in this state, unless the applicant is licensed
2 to practice law in this state.

3 (END)