

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING	:	ORDER OF THE
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE	:	DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND	:	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	:	ADOPTING RULES
	:	(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 22-047)

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ORDER

An order of the Department of Safety and Professional Services to create SPS 121.035 relating to reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:**

Sections 440.09 and 480.12, Stats.

**Statutory authority:**

Sections 227.11 (2) (a), 440.09 (5), 480.04 (1) and (2), , and 480.06 (1), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

Section 227.11 (2) (a), Stats. provides “[e]ach agency may promulgate rules interpreting the provisions of any statute enforced or administered by the agency, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute...”

Section 440.09 (5), Stats., provides that “[t]he department or credentialing board, as appropriate, may promulgate rules necessary to implement this section.”

Section 480.04 (1), Stats., the Auctioneer Board may advise the Department on matters relating to auctioneers. Under s. 480.04 (2), Stats., the board does not have rule-making authority. Pursuant s. 480.06 (1), Stats, the department shall submit the proposed rules to board members for review and board members have 30 days to submit comments. No comments were received.

**Related statute or rule:**

Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

Section 480.12, Stats., specifies the requirements for reciprocal credentials generally.

**Plain language analysis:**

The proposed rule creates a provision to implement s. 440.09, Stats., as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143. Section 440.09, Stats., specifies the requirements for issuing reciprocal credentials to service members, former service members, and the spouses of service members and former service members.

Section 480.12, Stats., specifies the requirements for reciprocal credentials generally. A note has been added to the newly created section required by s. 440.09 to prevent confusion.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:**

None.

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:**

The Illinois Statutes provide for the expedited licensure of service members and their spouses (20 ILCS 5/5-715). “Service member” includes a person whose active duty service concluded within the 2 years preceding application for licensure. A license issued to a service member or the spouse of a service member may be renewed.

**Iowa:**

Rules of the Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau of the Iowa Department of Commerce provide for the expedited reciprocal licensure of a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member (193 IAC 193.14.3). A reciprocal license issued to a veteran or a spouse of an active duty service member may be renewed.

**Michigan:**

The Michigan Statutes provide for temporary licensure of the spouse of an active duty service member (MCL 339.213). A temporary license is valid for 6 months and may be renewed for one additional 6-month term if it is determined the licensee continues to meet the requirements for temporary licensure and needs additional time to fulfill the requirements for initial licensure.

**Minnesota:**

The Minnesota Statutes provide for temporary licensure of an individual who is an active duty military member, the spouse of an active duty military member, or a veteran who

has left service in the 2 years preceding the date of license application (2020 Minnesota Statutes, Section 197.4552). A temporary license allows a qualified individual to perform regulated professional services for a limited length of time as determined by the applicable licensing board. During the temporary license period, the individual must complete the full application procedure as required by applicable law.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The proposed rules were developed by reviewing the provisions of s. 440.09, Stats., as created by 2019 Wisconsin Act 143.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The proposed rules were posted for a period of 14 days to solicit public comment on economic impact, including how the proposed rules may affect businesses, local government units, and individuals. No comments were received.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at [Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Garrett@wisconsin.gov), or by calling (608) 266-2112.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. SPS 121.035 is created to read:

**SPS 121.035 Reciprocal credentials for service members, former service members, and their spouses.** The department shall grant a reciprocal credential under this chapter to a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member who the board determines meets all of the requirements under s. 440.09, Stats. Subject to s. 440.09 (2m), Stats., the board may request verification necessary to make a determination under this section.

**Note:** Application forms are available from the Department of Safety and Professional Services' website at <http://dsps.wi.gov>.

**Note:** Section 480.12, Stats., contains requirements for general reciprocity.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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