

BILL BRIEF: HB 2506

(Occupational Licensing)

Bill Language: [HB 2506](#)

Bill Sponsor/Introduced by: Rep. Croft

What it does:

- This bill expands the law that provides expedited licensure for military members and spouses to include certain other applicants, licenses, and certificates.
- Under this bill, an *applicant* now includes anyone who has established or intends to establish residency in the state, not just military members and their spouses.
- It reduces the timeline for responding to a completed license application from 60 business days to 10 business days.
- If KS provisions are less friendly toward the applicant than their previous location, they can still get a license if they hold a valid current license or certificate from another state and the licensing body determines that the requirements are substantially the same.
- Some of the original licensing provisions from the old law remain the same, but then it adds that the applicant must not have a disqualifying criminal record and must prove solvency/insurance, but only to the same extent as any other applicant with the same experience/credentials.
- Applicants can receive licenses/certifications based on their experience in another state under certain conditions, such as years in the profession. Applicants can also receive licenses based on their private certification under certain circumstances, including number of years in the profession and being in good standing with the organization. A private certification is defined as a voluntary program in which a private organization issues nontransferable certification to an individual who meets that organization's specific requirements.
- If an individual does not meet KS requirements for a license, the licensing authority can issue a temporary permit to allow them to practice their profession while they work to meet KS requirements, as long as the temporary permit wouldn't put the public in danger.
- This bill specifically includes the Board of Technical Professions as one of the impacted agencies.