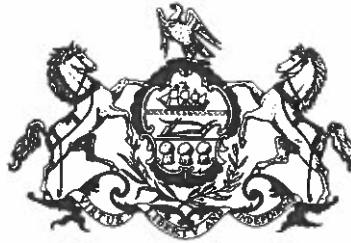


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TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Matt Smith
DATE: June 30, 2012
SUBJECT: Professional Licensure Portability for Military Spouses

In the future, I plan to introduce legislation affording military spouses greater ease in obtaining the transfer of their professional license to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The lives of military spouses are dominated by frequent deployments, relocations and extended periods of single parenthood. Military spouses endure what is among the most mobile positions in our country, making the maintenance of professional licensure a significant obstacle. Acquiring the transfer of a professional license can prove time consuming and costly, causing delays in employment and preventing the utilization of valuable skills in the workplace. Often the transfer of professional licenses becomes cumbersome to the point where military spouses abandon their careers.

Since February of this year, a dozen states have enacted laws on this topic, bringing the total number of states enacting such legislation to twenty-three. Governors and state legislators in these states have come together across the aisle to provide this much needed assistance to our military spouses. It is time for Pennsylvania to be added to this roster.

My legislation will allow military spouses to move more rapidly and efficiently into the workforce by providing a streamlined process in obtaining the transfer of their professional licenses into the Commonwealth.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jamie Fetter in my office via email at jfetter@pahouse.net or via phone at 717-783-1850.