RELATING TO LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT -- MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES; AMENDING SECTION 67-9406, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR MILITARY MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 67-9406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-9406. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT -- MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, VETERANS, AND SPOUSES. (1) A licensing authority shall establish a procedure for the issuance of licenses by endorsement to a member of the military, a former member of the military after discharge under honorable conditions, a veteran, or a spouse of any such person, if such person who possesses current, valid, and unrestricted licensure in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any branch of the armed forces or the national guard. Such procedure shall be intended to provide licensure by endorsement to qualifying persons within fifteen (15) business days after such person's application for licensure under this section, provided that the applicant is able to validate his qualifications pursuant to subsection (2) of this section within such time frame. Each licensing authority shall may promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this subsection, if necessary.

(2) Each applicant for licensure by endorsement under this section must apply to the applicable licensing authority for relevant licensure to validate:

(a) The person's status as a member of the military, a former member of the military after discharge under honorable conditions, a veteran, or a spouse of any such person; and
(b) The person's current, valid, and unrestricted licensure in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in any branch of the armed forces or the national guard.

(3) With respect to an applicant under this section, a licensing authority shall not require:

(a) The completion of an application form or the submission of application materials except as required to satisfy the requirements of subsection (2) of this section;
(b) The taking of all or a portion of an examination, even if such examination is required of other applicants for the same type of licensure in Idaho; or
(c) The payment of an application fee.

(4) With respect to applicants for licensure by endorsement under this section, a licensing authority may, at its discretion, compare the autho-
rized scope of practice in the applicable jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, where the applicant currently holds licensure to the authorized scope of practice in Idaho. If such licensing authority determines that the authorized scope of practice in Idaho is broader than the scope of practice authorized in the jurisdiction, or jurisdictions, where the applicant currently holds licensure, such licensing authority may issue a limited license to such applicant pending completion of the additional education, training, and any other requirements determined necessary by the licensing authority. A limited license issued under this section shall restrict the applicant's practice in Idaho to the scope of practice authorized in the state where the applicant holds prior licensure until such time that the applicant satisfies the education, training, or other requirements deemed necessary by the licensing authority for a limited period of time necessary for an applicant to meet the qualifications for a full license.

(5) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to a person who is a member of a profession or occupation covered by an interstate licensure compact that the person's home state and Idaho have each adopted. In such a situation, a person shall apply for licensure pursuant to the terms of the applicable licensure compact rather than through licensure by endorsement. A person from a state that has not adopted an interstate licensure compact that Idaho has adopted is eligible for licensure by endorsement, provided that such person is otherwise eligible for licensure by endorsement under this section; however, such licensure shall be valid only in Idaho. A licensing authority for a profession or occupation affected by an interstate licensure compact that Idaho has adopted shall promulgate applicable rules to implement the provisions of this subsection. This section shall not restrict a person who is a member of a profession or occupation covered by an applicable interstate licensure compact or applicable reciprocity agreement from seeking licensure by endorsement pursuant to this section. In such a situation, a person may apply for licensure by endorsement under this section or may apply for licensure pursuant to the terms of the applicable licensure compact or reciprocity agreement.

(6) An applicant under this section shall be subject to the laws regulating the person's practice in Idaho and is subject to the applicable licensing authority's jurisdiction. For purposes of this section, the term "licensure" means a license, certificate, registration, permit, or other authorization to practice a profession or occupation.