



# MARYLAND Department of Health

## BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE

### VETERANS AUTO AND EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2022 (PL 117-333) Military Licensure Exemption Information & Claim Guidance

#### EXEMPTION FACTS

1. Federal legislation passed in [2022](#) and enacted on January 1, 2023 and in [2025](#) and enacted on March 23, 2025.
2. Exemption eligibility is restricted to military service persons and their spouses. Eligible military service members include those serving in the:
  - a. armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, and Coast Guard);
  - b. the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; or
  - c. the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.
3. The exemption allows the military service person and their spouse to bypass the State licensing process if they:
  - a. are licensed in another State in good standing, and
  - b. have military orders to provide military service in Maryland.
4. The exemption is only valid for the time period that Maryland is the location of the duty station in the military orders. The spouse of a military service member can be a husband or wife.
5. The eligible service member and/or spouse will receive a letter of acknowledgement to practice from the Board when all requirements are met.
6. The Licensee's *ability to practice* in Maryland will be searchable by the public in similar fashion to other Maryland licensees.
7. The Licensee is subject to Board investigation and disciplinary powers if a complaint is filed.

#### TO CLAIM THE EXEMPTION

To initiate the eligibility review process, the military service member and/or spouse must submit the completed form with the following supporting documentation to the Board:

- a copy of the Maryland military service order;
- a copy of their marriage certificate (if applicable); and
- a letter of good standing from the current licensing authority/board where the licensee has actively practiced during the previous two years prior to relocation

Submissions are accepted by:

• <b>Email</b> <a href="mailto:mdh.acupuncture@maryland.gov">mdh.acupuncture@maryland.gov</a>	• <b>Fax</b> (410) 431-3072
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