

HB 225 Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013

HB 225 Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013 requires all Health Occupation Boards to expedite the licensing process for veterans, military spouses, or active duty service members in the armed forces, reserves, or the National Guard. Veterans may apply for the expedited process within one year after discharge from active duty under circumstances other than dishonorable. Military spouses may apply through the expedited process if a surviving spouse of a veteran or a service member died within 1 year before the date on which the application for a license or registration is submitted.

Veterans, military spouses, or active duty service members in the armed forces, reserves, or the National Guard who indicate their eligibility for the expedited process on the form may request the following support from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board):

- An advisor from the Board's licensing unit to assist with the application process and expedite the issuance of a license or registration. The advisor will assist the applicant in identifying education, training, or experience requirements for licensure or registration;
- Renewal of a licenses or registrations after the expiration of the renewal period without payment of a penalty or reinstatement fee, if the late renewal is a direct result of deployment outside of the U.S. or its territories;
- Completion of any continuing education or criminal history records check required for renewal within a reasonable time after renewing the license or registration if the delay is a direct result of deployment outside of the U.S. or its territories.
- Issuance of licenses/registrations within 15 days of receipt of a completed application.

A veteran who was honorably discharge from active duty within one year, military spouse, or active duty service member in the armed forces, reserves, or the National Guard that has indicated their military status on a new or renewal application may request assistance from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy in completing the application process and/or expediting the processing of their application. Please contact the Board's Customer Service Center at 410 764-4755 or e-mail at dhmh.mdbop@maryland.gov for more information and assistance.