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**INFORMATIONAL MEMO**

**Waiver of Renewal Requirements if called to Active Duty (AB 1588)  
And  
Expediting the Licensure Process for Spouses of Active Duty Members (AB 1904)**

**Purpose:**

To assist active duty military and their spouses with licensure requirements while on active duty.

**History:**

*AB 1588* was signed into law and chaptered in 2012 (Ch. 742). It adds California Business and Professions code (CA B&P) section 114.3, allowing for a waiver from renewal requirements if a licensee is called to active military duty or experiences a change in military circumstances (ex. change of assignment or status).

*AB 1904* was signed into law and chaptered in 2012 (Ch. 399). It adds CA B&P section 115.5, allowing an expedited licensure process for spouses and domestic partners of those who are on active duty.

**Status:**

The Board has fully implemented the requirements of both bills. We will continue to process any licensees under AB 1588 / AB 1904 accordingly.

To date the Board has had one June 2013 request for an AB 1588 waiver. This licensee met the requirements set out in the code sections, and their fees and requirements were waived accordingly. This licensee is currently on "military, inactive status".

The Board has had one request, made in May 2013, for an expedited licensure process under AB 1904. This licensee's application met the requirements set out in code section, and her application for renewal was processed accordingly. This licensee is currently on active status. There have been two other similar requests for this waiver, but they did not fulfill the requirements laid out by law. They were processed normally.