

**Report on Expanding Professional Licensing Provisions to  
Chairpersons and Ranking Members of  
the Iowa Senate Veteran Affairs Committee and  
Iowa House of Representatives Veteran Affairs Committee**

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The Honorable Daryl Beall  
The Honorable Jeff Danielson  
The Honorable Ken Rozenboom  
Iowa Senate  
Iowa Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

The Honorable Sandy Salmon  
The Honorable Jerry Kearns  
Iowa House of Representatives  
Iowa Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Senators Beall, Danielson, Rozenboom and Representatives Salmon and Kearns:

Pursuant to 2014 Iowa Acts, Senate File 303, the Professional Licensing and Regulation Bureau (PLB), comprised of the Iowa Accountancy Examining Board, Architectural Examining Board, Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board, Interior Design Examining Board, Landscape Architectural Examining Board, Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board, and Real Estate Commission, submits the following report to make recommendations related to expanding the professional licensing provisions of Iowa Code §272C.4, subsection 12, to include the spouse of veterans.

We support extending Iowa's Home Base Iowa Act to spouses of veterans. Indeed, for many of the professions licensed by the Bureau, persons working for military organizations are not required to be licensed in the states in which they are located. Spouses of veterans may be impacted more directly than veterans. We do ask that appropriate safeguards be accommodated within the law to assure the safety and protection of Iowa's citizens. To that end we refer the Committee to the administrative rules currently in place under the Act, 193 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 14. These rules afford an appropriate balance so that veterans and their spouses will find Iowa a welcoming place as well as a safe place to live, work, and raise children.

PLB takes pride in the speed at which we license professionals in Iowa. In some jurisdictions, licensure may take multiple weeks. In Iowa, licenses are granted in a matter of days. We expect this to continue as we prioritize licensure for spouses as well as military service members and veterans.

PLB looks forward to working with the Iowa General Assembly and Governor Branstad on making Iowa a welcoming place for military service members, veterans, and their spouses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney E. Reed".

Rodney E. Reed, Bureau Chief  
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