



## MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

### **JOBS AND CAREER PORTABILITY**

Cumbersome licensing and certification requirements coupled with frequent moves and remote duty stations often limit the career opportunities for many military spouses. One issue that all working spouses of our military service members have in common is the constraints and barriers to their professions. Long and multiple deployments, separation from extended family members and frequent moves often have a negative impact on their careers.

In 2008 Colorado joined the *Nurse Licensure Compact* to provide license reciprocity for nurses who hold a license in membership states. This is a great start, but there are individuals in many other career fields that need the same consideration.

To provide individuals transferring to Colorado the same opportunity, I am sponsoring legislation that will allow licensing in other career fields the same flexibility. As the sponsor of HB1175, it is my goal to allow an applicant the option to obtain a license by demonstrating competency in his/her particular field. This program will have the necessary safeguards and oversight by the Colorado Division of Registration and governing boards of Chiropractors, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Optometrists, Nursing Home Administrators and Physical Therapists to ensure that patients are protected.

This bill will allow applicants moving to Colorado the ability to apply for a license by endorsement if they meet the following criteria;

- Have a current license in good standing from the transferring state,
- Background checks,
- Demonstrate competency, qualifications and credentials;
- Approval from the Colorado Division of Registration;
- Approval from the appropriate licensing governing board.

HB1175 will allow individuals moving into Colorado the option to get an license through endorsement so they can get to work quicker and have the means to provide for their families faster. This is one benefit our state should offer our families who choose Colorado as their home. Thank you to our military service members and their family members whom sacrifice so much for our freedoms and liberties!

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