2023 Report to Oregon Legislature: SB 688

Status of Temporary Authorizations for Military Spouses and Domestic Partners to Conduct Professional Real Estate Activity in Oregon

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Oregon Real Estate Agency

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Executive Summary

Section 1, chapter 142, Oregon Laws 2019, directs the Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA) to issue a temporary authorization to conduct professional real estate activity in Oregon to a person who:

- Is the spouse of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Oregon;
- Holds a current authorization to provide the occupational or professional service issued by another state determined by the Agency to have real estate licensing requirements that are substantially similar to those of Oregon;
- Provides to the Agency sufficient proof that the person is in good standing with the issuing out-of-state professional licensing board, and
- Has demonstrated competency, as determined by the Agency, in professional real estate activity.

OREA filed Oregon Administrative Rules 863-014-0054 and 863-024-0054, effective June 1, 2020. The rules implement the law and outline the process by which the Agency issues temporary authorizations.

Section 1, chapter 626, Oregon Laws 2019, requires OREA to prepare an annual report on its implementation, maintenance, and outreach on policies and procedures pertaining to the issuing of temporary authorizations to military spouses and domestic partners of members of the Armed Forces stationed in this state. This report is designed to meet this requirement.

This annual report is available on OREA's website.

Number of Applications and Time to Process

Per the requirements of (2)(a) through (2)(c) of section 1, chapter 626, Oregon Laws 2019, OREA reports the following:

The number of temporary authorizations issued to spouses or domestic partners of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are stationed in this state.	0
The number of applications for temporary authorization received by the professional licensing board for which the professional licensing board did not issue temporary authorizations, and the reasons for which the temporary authorizations were not issued.	0
The amount of time used to process and issue the temporary authorizations.	N/A

Efforts to Implement and Maintain a Process to Issue Temporary Authorizations

Per (2)(d) of section 1, chapter 626, Oregon Laws 2019, OREA must report on its efforts to implement and maintain a process to issue temporary authorizations.

OREA regularly reviews the need for changes and revisions to OAR 863-014-0054 and 863-024-0054. In 2023, President Biden signed the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act of 2022 into law. It broadened the federal law regarding license portability. OREA determined that OAR 863-014-0054 and OAR 863-024-0054 need to be similarly broadened in order to comply with the changes to federal law. The agency issued a temporary rule on August 8, 2023, amended the temporary rule on September 6, 2023, and extended the temporary rule on November 1, 2023. OREA is now in the process of permanent rulemaking, with a hearing scheduled for January 17, 2024.

Training is provided on a regular basis to frontline staff. Once rulemaking has concluded, additional training will be provided on changes to administrative rules.

Other Information Relevant to Agency's Efforts to Assist Spouses of Military Members

Per (2)(e) of section 1, chapter 626, Oregon Laws 2019, the Oregon Real Estate Agency must report any other information relevant to the Agency's efforts to assist spouses or domestic partners of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are stationed in Oregon with obtaining temporary authorization to conduct professional real estate activity.

Completed and Continuing Outreach Efforts	Date Completed
Association of Real Estate License Law Officials	January 2021
– law update	
National Guard – training slide shown yearly	On Going

The Agency will continue to research and refine its efforts to assist the spouses and domestic partners of military personnel stationed in Oregon.

Conclusion

OREA has neither received nor issued an application for a temporary authorization to conduct professional real estate activity in Oregon. It has filed temporary administrative rules and has started the permanent rulemaking process to comply with recent federal legislation.

A report on the required metrics will be issued annually per Chapter 626, Oregon Laws 2019.