

To: Members of the Ohio House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee

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Re: HB 75 – Professional Licensure

On behalf of the 16,000 physician, resident and medical student members of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), our organization **is writing as an interested party for House Bill 75.**

As you know, HB 75 establishes a process to grant a professional license to a person who holds a valid license in another state and who is on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, or is the spouse of such a person. This legislation establishes a temporary professional license for persons on active duty and their spouses, called a "license by endorsement," that entitles a person, who is licensed in another state under less stringent requirements, to practice in Ohio within the scope of professional activities permitted under the person's license from the other state.

The OSMA strongly supports our members of the armed forces of the United States and understands the personal burden these individuals and their families must take on when moving across state lines. For this reason, as an organization, we support the general concept of this legislation, but want to ensure that a healthcare professional assuming an Ohio license pursuant to this proposal would be subject to Ohio's current scope of practice laws concerning the license for which he or she is applying.

The OSMA is currently reviewing the language of HB 75, but suggests that additional clarifying language may be needed in the bill to ensure that concerns regarding scope of practice are addressed.

It is imperative that healthcare professionals from other states coming to work in Ohio be subject to the same rules and regulations as professionals originally granted license to practice in Ohio. For the safety of our state's patients and the integrity of medical procedures and treatments, these professionals must be held to the same standards of education, training, and scope of practice.

The OSMA appreciates the opportunity to be meaningful contributors to the legislative process. Please contact us with any questions you may have.