Advisory to License Applicants Regarding Senate Bill 1226, Pertaining to Expedited Initial Licensure Process for Honorably Discharged Veterans, effective July 1, 2016

Important notice regarding expedited process for initial licensure for Armed Forces veterans who were honorably discharged effective July 1, 2016.

On September 27, 2014, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1226 (Correa, Chapter 657, Statutes of 2014), which adds Section 115.4 of the Business & Professions Code (BPC). Section 115.4 of the BPC requires programs under the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite the initial licensure process for individuals honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

Applicants wishing to use this service may submit the required application and fees, qualifying materials, and proof of condition of discharge to the Bureau of Real Estate, PO Box 137014, Sacramento, CA 95813-7014.

Advisory to License Applicants Regarding Assembly Bill 1904 Pertaining to the Expedited Licensure Process for Military Spouses

In 2012, the California Legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 1904 (“AB 1904”), adding Section 115.5 to the California Business and Professions Code (“the Code”). The provisions of this Code section are effective January 1, 2013 and will pertain to the Bureau of Real Estate (CalBRE).

This bill requires a board or bureau within the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite the licensure process for an applicant who holds a license in the same profession or vocation in another jurisdiction and is married to, or in a legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in California under official active duty military orders.

Applicants for a real estate license wishing to have their applications expedited pursuant to this statute must submit, to the attention of the “Licensing Examination Manager”, the proper application, qualifications and fees, along with evidence of items 1 and 2 below:

1. Supplies evidence that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders; and

2. Holds a current real estate license in another state, district, or territory of the United States.

Applicants wishing to utilize this expedited processing should submit their application and supporting documentation to the attention of Shelly Wilson, Licensing Examination Manager.

Additional questions concerning this statute should be directed to the Bureau of Real Estate’s Licensing Section at (877) 373-4542.