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# Wisconsin Legislative Council

## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Senate Bill 135**

**Senate  
Amendment 1**

### 2023 SENATE BILL 135

Current law requires the Department of Safety and Professional Services, each credentialing board in the department, and the Veterinary Examining Board to grant a reciprocal credential to an individual who is a service member, a former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member if the individual: (1) resides in this state; (2) holds a license certification, registration, or permit granted by a jurisdiction outside this state that qualifies the individual to perform the acts authorized under the appropriate credential granted by the department or credentialing board; (3) is in good standing with the governmental authorities in every jurisdiction outside this state that have granted the individual a license, certification, registration, or permit that qualifies the individual to perform acts authorized under the appropriate credential granted by the department or credentialing board; and (4) pays the required fee.

2023 Senate Bill 135 eliminates the requirement that an individual be a service member, former service member, or the spouse of a service member or former service member to be issued a reciprocal credential under the circumstances described above. The bill exempts from those credentials that may be issued under these circumstances, a reciprocal credential issued by the Accounting Examining Board or the Real Estate Examining Board that grants the holder a limited right to practice law in this state, unless the applicant is licensed to practice law in this state.

### SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill. The amendment:

- Removes the requirement that an individual reside in this state to be entitled to reciprocal credentials.
- Replaces the requirement that a person be credentialed in another jurisdiction with a requirement that the person be credentialed in another state.
- Specifies that reciprocal credentials may only be issued to an individual if he or she does not have any limitation, restriction, or other encumbrance on any credential issued by a governmental authority in a state other than Wisconsin that qualifies the individual to perform the acts authorized under the appropriate credential and is not under investigation by any governmental authority in a state other than Wisconsin related to any credential possessed by the individual that qualifies the individual to perform the acts authorized under the appropriate credential.
- Provides that, subject to relevant provisions under the Wisconsin Fair Employment Law, the person does not have an arrest or conviction record.

## **BILL HISTORY**

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 135 on July 13, 2023. On August 1, the Senate Committee on Licensing, Constitution, and Federalism voted to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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