

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-25-4 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Renée Grout

1 MEMORIAL  
2 MEMORIAL IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILLS 79, 81, 82, 110, 412 AND 413, AND  
3 SENATE BILLS 46, 104, 105, AND 106 SUPPORTING SPOUSES OF MILITARY  
4 PERSONNEL IN THE PORTABILITY OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS  
5 LICENSES.

6 WHEREAS, active-duty members of the U.S. military are relocated often  
7 during the course of their careers, presenting numerous challenges for their  
8 spouses and families, especially spouses who are licensed professionals; and

9 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice reports that the most  
10 challenging part of military relocation is finding new employment for the  
11 service member's spouse, and this is especially burdensome for licensed  
12 professionals who must transfer professional certificates and licenses  
13 between states; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2023, the unemployment rate of military spouses was 21%,  
15 and it took an average of 19 weeks for military spouses to find employment;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, to assist military spouses, Congress amended the  
18 Servicemembers Relief Act in 2023 to ensure professional license portability  
19 by enabling states to form interstate compacts for licensed professionals; and

20 WHEREAS, the proposed bills will ensure interstate compact participation  
21 for the following professions:

- 22 • Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (HB 79 and SB 104)
- 23 • Occupational Therapy (HB 81)
- 24 • Physical Therapy (HB 82)
- 25 • Teaching (HB 110)
- 26 • Emergency Medical Services (HB 412)

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- 1 • Physicians Assistants (HB 413)
- 2 • Osteopathic Physicians (SB 46)
- 3 • Social Work (SB 105)
- 4 • Psychology (SB 106)

5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Legislature may introduce similar interstate  
6 compact participation legislation for the Advanced Practice-Registered Nurse,  
7 Cosmetology, Dental and Dental Hygienist, Dietician, Emergency Medical  
8 Services, Massage Therapy, Professional Counseling, Physician Assistant,  
9 and School Psychologist professions, and the Albuquerque City Council  
10 supports this forthcoming legislation; and

11 WHEREAS, unfilled positions in these essential healthcare and supportive  
12 service professions could be filled by trained and licensed military spouses if  
13 their licenses were portable; and

14 WHEREAS, Ensuring the portability of professional licenses would help  
15 ease the stress inherent in frequent moves due to military service.

16 BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE  
17 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

18 SECTION 1. The Albuquerque City Council urges the New Mexico State  
19 Legislature to pass House Bills 79, 81, 82, 110, 412 and 413; and Senate Bills  
20 46, 104, 105, and 106 along with similar interstate compact participation  
21 legislation to ensure the portability of professional licenses for the spouses of  
22 military service members.

23 SECTION 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Memorial to  
24 the City of Albuquerque State Legislative Delegation, the New Mexico  
25 Legislature, the Governor of New Mexico, and other appropriate state  
26 agencies.

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