



# A License to Harm: THE REAL STORY

## RESTRICTING WORK

A patchwork of licensing laws and regulations that vary across states leads to **one in three Americans needing to receive government permission to work**. These permission slips often come with costs in the hundreds of dollars, even for low-income occupations.

## HURTING OUR HEROES



**Three-quarters of military spouses** with an occupational license **require a renewal or re-issuance of their license** after being transferred to a new state.



Military spouses are **ten times more likely to have moved across state lines** in the last year compared to their civilian counterparts.



Military spouses face an **unemployment rate that is more than four times the U.S. overall rate**.

## LIMITING THE TRULY NEEDY

The average license for a low- to moderate income occupation costs **over \$200**, the same amount as a week's worth of groceries - a huge cost for needy families.



Only **2 percent** of people who work full-time live in poverty, ensuring the next generation is prepared to be less dependent than previous ones.



# Empower Individuals: WAIVE RESTRICTIONS TO WORK

**Freedom to Work** waives initial licensing fees for military families, young workers, and low-income individuals on both the state and local level.



## IT'S SIMPLE

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All state and local licensing authorities **waive initial occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements** for the groups mentioned above.

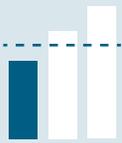


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Individuals seeking a waiver of occupational fees and fees from licensing requirements **must apply to the appropriate licensing authority** in a format prescribed by the licensing authority.



## IT HELPS THE MOST DESERVING



Individuals whose household adjusted gross income is below 130% of the federal poverty line



Honorably discharged veterans and their spouses



Surviving spouses of deceased service members



Applicants between the ages of 18-25 seeking to work



Active duty service members and their spouses



## IT MAKES SENSE

Licensing boards should not profit from people who are defending America, just beginning their careers, or working to bring their families out of government dependency.