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Is this a rule change/adoption?

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Subject: Support for Attorneys who are military spouses

I'm writing to endorse the upcoming revision allowing military spouses who are barred in other jurisdictions to practice in Washington State. As a Veteran and Spouse of a Retired Veteran, I know the hardships of moving based on the needs of the military. As an attorney, I can understand the frustration of not being able to practice your profession because of a move to a jurisdiction that you're deemed not qualified to practice in. I can't imagine taking multiple bar exams just in the hopes of working for a couple of months before being forced to move again. I understand the reasoning in ensuring through a bar exam that attorneys are knowledgeable, however I think an exception can be made for military spouses barred in other states.

Thank you  
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