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Committee Bill No. 6316

LCO No. 4575



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF MILITARY TRAINING
EVALUATION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2021*):

3 Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any veteran,
4 within two years of such veteran's discharge from the armed forces, may
5 submit an application for military training evaluation to the Labor
6 Department program of apprentice training set forth in section 31-22q.
7 Such application shall include (1) evidence of satisfactory completion of
8 a program or course of instruction as part of military training that is
9 equivalent in content and quality to that required for a specific trade in
10 this state, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such veteran's military
11 discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The Labor
12 Commissioner, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the
13 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioners'
14 designees, shall evaluate any such application and determine whether
15 the applicant's military training may be substituted for all or part of the

16 term of an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor
17 Department for a specific trade. If the [commissioner determines]
18 commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, jointly determine that
19 the applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
20 completion of such apprenticeship program, the [commissioner] Labor
21 Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall issue such
22 applicant a recommendation for review by the appropriate examining
23 board established under section 20-331. Presentation of such
24 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, shall allow such applicant
25 to sit for any licensure examination without participation in an
26 apprenticeship program. If the [commissioner determines]
27 commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, jointly determine that
28 the applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training
29 required for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's
30 hours of qualified military training, as determined jointly by the
31 [commissioner] commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, shall
32 be deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
33 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
34 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,
35 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department
36 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of
37 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the purposes of this
38 section, (i) "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released
39 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the
40 armed forces, (ii) "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in
41 section 27-103, and (iii) "military discharge document" has the same
42 meaning as provided in section 1-219.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	31-22u
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the Labor Commissioner, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioners' designees, to jointly evaluate military training applications to the Labor Department's program of apprenticeship training.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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