

Veterans' Affairs Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-343

AN ACT CONCERNING A MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY WORKING GROUP AND A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF

Title: CERTAIN LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION OR TUITION FEES.

Vote Date: 3/15/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/8/2022

File No.: 223

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' Affairs Committee,
Rep. Mary Welander, 114th Dist.,
Rep. Jennifer Leeper, 132nd Dist.,
Rep. Amy Morrin Bello, 28th Dist.,
Rep. Jaime S. Foster, 57th Dist.,
Rep. Stephanie Thomas, 143rd Dist.,
Rep. Bill Buckbee, 67th Dist.

REASONS FOR BILL:

The bill aid in creating a task force who will create a system that will make sure that veterans can be compensated for their certifications and other licenses achieved during their time of service.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

[Senator Paul Cicarella \(34th District\)](#) supports ensuring that we have a system in place that allows servicemen and service women to leverage their existing skills to obtain licensure for professional, occupational and trade careers.

[Bill Finch of The National Electrical Contractors Association \(NECA\) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \(IBEW\)](#) supports as an opportunity to train more veterans as electricians.

[Tom Moore, U.S. Army Veteran](#), supports Military Occupational Specialties training transferability.

[Diane Nadeau, President/CEO, Windham Region Chamber of Commerce](#) and Executive Director, Eastern CT Veterans Community Center & Windham Region Veterans Coffeehouse, supports, citing advance costs as a hindrance to veterans joining the workforce.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

[David Godbout](#) opposes on the ground that the current session of the CGA is illegal.

Reported by: Brendan Civitello

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