

# Veterans' and Military Affairs Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-642

AN ACT CREDITING MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TOWARD  
CERTAIN LICENSES RELATED TO SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL

**Title:** SYSTEMS.

**Vote Date:** 3/7/2023

**Vote Action:** JOINT FAVORABLE Substitute

**PH Date:** 2/28/2023

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Veterans' & Military Affairs Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

The original intent of this bill has changed, the substitute language (LCO 5621) instead establishes a seven-member working group to develop a process by which deceased veterans' family members can submit concerns regarding the upkeep of the deceased veteran's grave.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

[Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Public Health:](#)

**This testimony was submitted prior to the intent and language of this bill changing. (Reference substitute language LCO 5621)**

While supportive overall, the Department would like the language to reflect that all applicants for the sewage disposal system installer and cleaner licenses who are interested in military experience replacing the apprenticeship, must have their military apprenticeship training reviewed and approved by the Department before sitting for the licensing examination.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**[Representative Paul Cicarella, 34<sup>th</sup> District, Connecticut General Assembly:](#)**

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(Reference substitute language LCO 5621)**

This bill will make highly skilled careers more accessible to our distinguished veterans, which will not only improve their quality of life but also keep them in our workforce. Any experience gained during a person's military career would be beneficial when they pursue licensing in the State of Connecticut.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None submitted

**Reported by: Robert Mayne**

**Date: March 14, 2023**