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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

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

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 Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2023*):

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

12 (b) (1) The Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such application
13 and determine whether the applicant's military training may be
14 substituted for (A) all or part of the term of an apprenticeship program

15 registered with the Labor Department for a specific trade, [. If] or (B) an
16 apprentice's permit issued by the Department of Public Health under
17 subsection (b) of section 20-341d for subsurface sewage disposal system
18 work.

19 (2) In the case of a specific trade under subparagraph (A) of
20 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if the commissioner determines that
21 the applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
22 completion of [such] an apprenticeship program for such trade, the
23 commissioner shall issue such applicant a recommendation for review
24 by the appropriate examining board established under section 20-331.
25 Presentation of such recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, as
26 amended by this act, shall allow such applicant to sit for any licensure
27 examination without [participation] such applicant having participated
28 in an apprenticeship program. If the commissioner determines that the
29 applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training required
30 for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of
31 qualified military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be
32 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).

38 (3) In the case of subsurface sewage disposal system work under
39 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, if the
40 commissioner determines that the applicant's military training is
41 equivalent to the apprentice's permit issued for such work, the
42 commissioner shall issue such applicant a recommendation for review
43 by the Department of Public Health. Presentation of such
44 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-341e, as amended by this act,
45 shall allow such applicant to sit for any licensure examination without
46 such applicant having been issued an apprentice's permit.

47 (c) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" and "armed forces" have
48 the same meanings as provided in section 27-103, and "military
49 discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-
50 219.

51 Sec. 2. Section 20-341e of the general statutes is repealed and the
52 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

53 (a) The Department of Public Health shall hold at least four
54 examinations each year, at such times and in such locations as may be
55 convenient. Notice of the time and place of each examination shall be
56 given in writing to each applicant at least ten days prior to the
57 examination. To obtain a license an applicant shall furnish such
58 evidence of competency as said department shall require. A
59 recommendation for review issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of
60 subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this act, shall be
61 sufficient to demonstrate such competency. The applicant shall satisfy
62 said department that he has the requisite skill to perform the work of a
63 subsurface sewage disposal system installer or cleaner and can comply
64 with all other requirements of this chapter. A recommendation for
65 review issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-
66 22u, as amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate that an
67 applicant has such requisite skill and can comply with all other
68 requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under this
69 chapter. Upon application to said department for a license, the applicant
70 shall pay to said department a fee of fifty dollars for a subsurface sewage
71 disposal system installer license or twenty dollars for a subsurface
72 sewage disposal system cleaner license. Any such fee shall be waived
73 for persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant
74 to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this
75 act. The applicant shall present himself at the next regular examination.

76 (b) The Department of Public Health shall conduct such written, oral
77 and practical examinations as it deems necessary to test the knowledge
78 of the applicant for a subsurface sewage disposal system installer's

79 license on sewage disposal system construction and installation or to
80 test the knowledge of the applicant for a subsurface sewage disposal
81 system cleaner on subsurface sewage disposal system cleaning and
82 servicing. The department shall allow any applicant who has not been
83 issued an apprentice's permit, but who presents a recommendation for
84 review pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
85 amended by this act, to sit for any such examination.

86 (c) When an applicant has qualified for a license, the department shall
87 issue to such person a license entitling him to engage in the work or
88 occupation of subsurface sewage disposal system installer or subsurface
89 sewage disposal system cleaner until the date for renewal under section
90 19a-88. All fees collected by said department shall be promptly
91 transmitted to the State Treasurer.

92 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-333 of the general statutes
93 are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
94 *October 1, 2023*):

95 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have
96 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such
97 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner
98 of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review
99 issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
100 amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate such
101 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner
102 that such applicant possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation
103 from the eighth grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent
104 education to be determined on examination and has the requisite skill
105 to perform the work in the trade for which such applicant is applying
106 for a license and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter
107 and the regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for
108 review issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-
109 22u, as amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate that an
110 applicant [possesses] has such requisite skill and can comply with all

111 other requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under
112 this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to this section that
113 requires a hearing or other action by the applicable examining board or
114 the commissioner, such hearing or other action by the applicable
115 examining board or the commissioner shall occur not later than thirty
116 days after the date of submission for such application. Upon application
117 for any such license, the applicant shall pay to the department a
118 nonrefundable application fee of ninety dollars for a license under
119 subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision (4) of
120 subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application fee of
121 one hundred fifty dollars for a license under subdivision (1) of
122 subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b), subdivision (1)
123 of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (e) of
124 section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be waived for persons
125 who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to
126 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this
127 act.

128 (b) The department shall conduct such written, oral and practical
129 examinations as the appropriate board, with the consent of the
130 commissioner, deems necessary to test the knowledge of the applicant
131 in the work for which a license is being sought. The department shall
132 allow any applicant [,] who has not participated in an apprenticeship
133 program, but who presents a recommendation for review issued
134 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
135 amended by this act, to sit for any such examination. Any person
136 completing the required apprentice training program for a
137 journeyman's license under section 20-334a shall, within thirty days
138 following such completion, apply for a licensure examination given by
139 the department. If an applicant does not pass such licensure
140 examination, the commissioner shall provide each failed applicant with
141 information on how to retake the examination and a report describing
142 the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in such examination. Any
143 apprentice permit issued under section 20-334a to an applicant who fails
144 three licensure examinations in any one-year period shall remain in

145 effect if such applicant applies for and takes the first licensure
146 examination given by the department following the one-year period
147 from the date of such applicant's third and last unsuccessful licensure
148 examination. Otherwise, such permit shall be revoked as of the date of
149 the first examination given by the department following expiration of
150 such one-year period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	31-22u
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	20-341e
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	20-333(a) and (b)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand existing procedures regarding credit for military training and experience, presently applied to certain trades regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection, to subsurface sewage disposal system work regulated by the Department of Public Health.

[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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