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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5404

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE ENDORSEMENT TO OPERATE FIRE
APPARATUS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
5 *1, 2024*):

6 (d) (1) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q"
7 indicates eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall
8 signify that the holder either has been trained to operate fire apparatus
9 in accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire
10 Prevention and Control [No] or has qualifying military training and
11 experience as described in subdivision (2) of this subsection. Except as
12 provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, no such endorsement

13 shall be issued to any person until [he or she] such person demonstrates
 14 personally to the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee,
 15 including the Connecticut Fire Academy, any regional fire school or the
 16 chief local fire official of any municipality as defined in section 7-323j,
 17 by means of testing in a representative vehicle that such person
 18 possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire apparatus.

19 (2) If the holder of a license of any class is (A) a veteran who applies
 20 to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement not later than two years after
 21 the date of discharge from the military and who, not more than two
 22 years prior to such discharge, met the conditions and limitations set
 23 forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR 383.77(b)(2), as amended from
 24 time to time, or (B) a member of the armed forces or the National Guard
 25 who applies to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement and who meets
 26 the conditions and limitations set forth in 49 CFR 383.77(a)(2) or 49 CFR
 27 383.77(b)(2), as amended from time to time, the commissioner shall
 28 wave the requirement under subdivision (1) of this subsection to
 29 demonstrate that such veteran or member possesses the skills necessary
 30 for operation of fire apparatus. The commissioner shall prescribe the
 31 form and manner by which such veteran or member shall apply for such
 32 waiver. As used in this subparagraph, "veteran" and "armed forces"
 33 have the same meanings as provided in section 27-103."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2024	14-36a(d)