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H.275

Introduced by Representatives Grad of Moretown, Canfield of Fair Haven, and
O'Sullivan of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Executive; secretary of state; office of professional regulation

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Office of Professional Regulation to create an expedited process for issuing
licenses to members of the Armed Forces.

An act relating to professional licensing of members of the Armed Forces

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 122a is added to read:

§ 122a. LICENSING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

(a) The Office of Professional Regulation shall create a process for
accepting education, training, or service completed by a member of the Armed
Forces toward the requirements of professional licensure or certification.

(b) The Office shall also adopt a policy creating a process for educational
institutions under the supervision of a licensing board to award educational
credits to a member of the Armed Forces for courses taken as part of the

1 member's military training or service that meet the standards of the American
2 Council on Education.

3 (c) The Office shall establish a procedure to expedite the issuance of a
4 professional license to a person:

5 (1) who is certified or licensed in another state;

6 (2) whose spouse is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
7 and who has been subject to a military transfer to Vermont; and

8 (3) who left employment to accompany his or her spouse to Vermont.

9 Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 1343 is amended to read:

10 § 1343. CONDITIONS

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12 (g) An unemployed individual shall not be disqualified from receiving
13 benefits if the individual left employment because it was necessary in order to
14 allow the individual to accompany his or her spouse to a place from which it is
15 impractical for the individual to commute due to a change in the location of the
16 spouse's employment.

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.