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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  
An act relating to unemployment insurance benefits for military spouses~~

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.

*Sec. 1. 21 V.S.A. § 1325 is amended to read:*

*§ 1325. EMPLOYERS' EXPERIENCE-RATING RECORDS;*

*DISCLOSURE TO SUCCESSOR ENTITY*

*(a)(1) The Commissioner shall maintain an experience-rating record for each employer. Benefits paid shall be charged against the experience-rating record of each subject employer who provided base-period wages to the eligible individual. Each subject employer's experience-rating charge shall bear the same ratio to total benefits paid as the total base-period wages paid by that employer bear to the total base-period wages paid to the individual by all base-period employers. The experience-rating record of an individual subject base-period employer shall not be charged for benefits paid to an individual under any of the following conditions:*

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*(F) The individual voluntarily separated from that employer to accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces as provided by section 1344(a)(2)(A) of this chapter.*

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*Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 1344 is amended to read:*

*§ 1344. DISQUALIFICATIONS*

*(a) An individual shall be disqualified for benefits:*

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*(2) For any week benefits are claimed, except as provided in subdivision (a)(3) of this section, until he or she has presented evidence to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that he or she has performed services in employment for*

*a bona fide employer and has had earnings in excess of six times his or her weekly benefit amount if the Commissioner finds that such individual is unemployed because:*

*(A) He or she has left the employ of his or her last employing unit voluntarily without good cause attributable to such employing unit. An individual shall not suffer more than one disqualification by reason of such separation. However, an individual shall not be disqualified for benefits if the individual left such employment to accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces and is required to relocate by the U.S. Armed Forces due to permanent change of station orders, activation orders, or unit deployment orders, and when such relocation would make it impractical or impossible, as determined by the Commissioner, for the individual to continue working for such employment unit.*

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*Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.*