

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs to which was  
3 referred House Bill No. 275 entitled “An act relating to professional licensing  
4 of members of the Armed Forces” respectfully reports that it has considered  
5 the same and recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the  
6 enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 122a. LICENSING MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

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

13 (b) The Office shall also adopt a policy creating a process for educational  
14 institutions under the supervision of a licensing board to award educational  
15 credits to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces for courses taken as part of the  
16 member’s military training or service that meet the standards of the American  
17 Council on Education.

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

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

1 (2) whose spouse is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and who has  
2 been subject to a military transfer to Vermont; and

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

4 **Sec. 2. 21 V.S.A. § 1325 is amended to read:**

5 **§ 1325. EMPLOYERS’ EXPERIENCE-RATING RECORDS;**

6 **DISCLOSURE TO SUCCESSOR ENTITY**

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

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

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1       Sec. 3. 21 V.S.A. § 1344 is amended to read:

2       § 1344. DISQUALIFICATIONS

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

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5               (2) For any week benefits are claimed, except as provided in subdivision

6       (a)(3) of this section, until he or she has presented evidence to the satisfaction

7       of the Commissioner that he or she has performed services in employment for

8       a bona fide employer and has had earnings in excess of six times his or her

9       weekly benefit amount if the Commissioner finds that such individual is

10       unemployed because:

11               (A) He or she has left the employ of his or her last employing unit

12       voluntarily without good cause attributable to such employing unit. However,

13       an individual shall not be disqualified for benefits if the individual left such

14       employment to accompany a spouse who is on active duty with the U.S.

15       Armed Forces and is required to relocate by the U.S. Armed Forces due to

16       permanent change of station orders, activation orders, or unit deployment

17       orders, and when such relocation would make it impractical or impossible, as

18       determined by the Commissioner, for the individual to continue working for

19       such employment unit. An individual shall not suffer more than one

20       disqualification by reason of such separation.

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1     **Sec. 4.** EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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6             (Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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FOR THE COMMITTEE