

1 H.906

2 Introduced by Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs

3 Date:

4 Subject: National Guard; motor vehicles; equipment; certified inspection

5 mechanics; Secretary of State; professional regulation; professions

6 and occupations; plumbers; electricians; nurses; registered nurses;

7 licensed nursing assistants; health; food service establishment licenses

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to facilitate
9 professional licensing for veterans and members of the U.S. Armed Forces
10 who have a relevant military credential.

11 An act relating to professional licensing for service members and veterans

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

13 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 906 is amended to read:

14 § 906. EXAMINATIONS NOT REQUIRED

15 (a) ~~Licenses~~ A license for an individual who is licensed by another state or
16 who has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 12R Electrician
17 or equivalent shall be issued without examination as provided pursuant to this
18 section on payment of the required fee.

19 (b) A master's or journeyman's license, as the case may be, shall be issued
20 to a person to whom a master electrician's license or a journeyman

1 electrician's license has been previously issued by another state, whose
2 standards are equivalent to those of this ~~state~~ State, if under the laws or
3 regulations of the state issuing the license a similar privilege is granted to
4 electricians licensed under the laws of this ~~state~~ State.

5 (c) Except as otherwise provided by law, a journeyman's license shall be
6 issued to a service member or veteran who:

7 (1) submits a complete application and any documentation required by
8 the Board;

9 (2) has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 12R
10 Electrician or equivalent; and

11 (3) has completed a minimum of 8,000 hours or four years of active
12 duty field work.

13 (d) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Service member" means an individual who is an active member of:

15 (A) the U.S. Armed Forces;

16 (B) a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces;

17 (C) the U.S. Coast Guard; or

18 (D) the National Guard of any state.

19 (2) "Veteran" means a former service member who received an
20 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from

1 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for
2 licensure.

3 Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 907 is amended to read:

4 § 907. RECOGNITION OF EXPERIENCE ~~IN OR OUT OF~~
5 STATE

6 (a) ~~The board~~ Board, in determining the qualifications of an applicant for a
7 license, may in its discretion give recognition;

8 (1) in the case of an application for a master's license, to the applicant's
9 experience as a licensed journeyman in another state, ~~or~~;

10 (2) in the case of an application for a journeyman's license, to an
11 apprenticeship served in another state; or

12 (3) ~~may otherwise give recognition~~ to experience or prior qualifications.

13 (b) The Board, in determining the qualifications of a service member or
14 veteran, as defined pursuant to section 906 of this subchapter, who is applying
15 for a master's license, shall give recognition to the applicant's:

16 (1) experience as a 12R electrician or equivalent in the U.S. Armed
17 Forces; and

18 (2) other experience or prior qualifications.

1 Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 2194 is amended to read:

2 § 2194. EXAMINATIONS NOT REQUIRED; TEMPORARY LICENSES

3 (a)(1) Appropriate licenses without examination may be issued ~~upon the~~
4 ~~payment of the required fee~~ to a person to whom a master plumber's license or
5 a journeyman plumber's license or a specialty license or equivalent has been
6 previously issued by another state or municipality, ~~provided~~ upon the payment
7 of the required fee if:

8 (A) that state or municipality maintained a standard of requirements
9 equivalent to those of this ~~state~~ State; and

10 (B) ~~who the applicant~~ who the applicant presents satisfactory proof to the ~~board~~ Board
11 that ~~the applicant~~ he or she is a bona fide licensee.

12 (2) An applicant under this subsection shall be exempt from
13 examination only if the applicant holds a license from a foreign state or
14 municipality and if under the laws or regulations of the foreign state or
15 municipality issuing the license a like exemption or reciprocal agreement, or
16 both, is granted to licensees under the laws of this ~~state~~ State.

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, a journeyman's license shall be
18 issued without examination and upon payment of the required fee to an
19 applicant who is a service member or veteran who:

20 (1) submits a complete application and any documentation required by
21 the Board;

1 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board shall issue a license to
2 practice as a registered nurse to an applicant who:

3 (1) is a service member or veteran;

4 (2) has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 66H Nurse
5 or equivalent;

6 (3) has received at least a bachelor's degree in nursing from a program
7 that is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
8 (ACEN) or by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) or
9 that is accepted by the U.S. Secretary of Education; and

10 (4) has completed a qualified course in public health nursing or one year
11 of supervised nursing experience.

12 (c) As used in this section:

13 (1) "Service member" means an individual who is an active member of:

14 (A) the U.S. Armed Forces;

15 (B) a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces;

16 (C) the U.S. Coast Guard; or

17 (D) the National Guard of any state.

18 (2) "Veteran" means a former service member who received an
19 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from
20 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for
21 licensure.

1 Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 1643 is amended to read:

2 § 1643. NURSING ASSISTANT LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

3 (a) The Board may issue a license to practice as a nursing assistant to an
4 applicant who:

5 (1) is licensed or registered in another U.S. jurisdiction; and

6 (2) ~~who~~ has met the practice requirements set by the Board by rule.

7 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Board shall issue a license to
8 practice as a nursing assistant to an applicant who:

9 (1) is a service member or a veteran;

10 (2) has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 68W
11 Combat Medic Specialist or equivalent; and

12 (3) is certified as a National Registry Emergency Medical Technician.

13 (c) As used in this section:

14 (1) “Service member” means an individual who is an active member of:

15 (A) the U.S. Armed Forces;

16 (B) a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces;

17 (C) the U.S. Coast Guard; or

18 (D) the National Guard of any state.

19 (2) “Veteran” means a former service member who received an

20 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from

1 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for
2 licensure.

3 Sec. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 1227 is amended to read:

4 § 1227. CERTIFIED INSPECTION MECHANICS

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6 (b)(1) A person who applies for certification under this section shall:

7 ~~(1)(A)~~ complete an application form prescribed by the Commissioner;

8 ~~(2)(B)~~ be at least 18 years of age; and

9 ~~(3)(C)~~ except as otherwise provided pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
10 subsection (b), pass an examination based on the official inspection manual for
11 each type of vehicle to be inspected and on the inspection requirements for
12 each type of vehicle to be inspected.

13 (2) A service member or veteran shall not be required to pass an
14 examination pursuant to subdivision (1)(C) of this subsection if he or she has
15 been designated by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 91B Wheeled Vehicle
16 Mechanic or equivalent and has one or more of the following national
17 certifications:

18 (A) ASE Diesel Mechanic;

19 (B) ASE Light Truck Engine Repair;

20 (C) ASE Automobile Service Consultant;

21 (D) Certified Hazardous Material Manager; or

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(b)(1) The rules adopted by the Commissioner shall provide that a service member or veteran who is designated by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 92G Culinary Specialist or equivalent and is certified as a culinarian by the American Culinary Federation shall be deemed to:

(A) have knowledge of the prevention of food-borne disease;

(B) be able to apply the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point principles; and

(C) have met the criteria for “demonstration of knowledge” requirements set forth by the Department of Health in rule for the purposes of obtaining a food establishment license.

(2) As used in this subsection:

(A) “Service member” means an individual who is an active member of:

(i) the U.S. Armed Forces;

(ii) a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces;

(iii) the U.S. Coast Guard; or

(iv) the National Guard of any state.

(B) “Veteran” means a former service member who received an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from

1 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for a
2 food establishment license under this chapter.

3 Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.