

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

2 Referred to Committee on

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 for individuals who are licensed by another state or have  
16 received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 12R Electrician or  
17 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~~ rules 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 duty  
15 member of:

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

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

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

19 (D) the National Guard of any state.

20 (2) “Veteran” means a former service member who received an  
21 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 STATE

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 (2) other experience or prior qualifications.

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

19 § 2194. EXAMINATIONS NOT REQUIRED; TEMPORARY LICENSES

20 (a)(1) Appropriate licenses without examination may be issued ~~upon the~~  
21 payment of the required fee to a person to whom a master plumber’s license or

1 a journeyman plumber’s license or a specialty license or equivalent has been  
2 previously issued by another state or municipality, ~~provided~~ upon the payment  
3 of the required fee if:

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

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

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

13 (b) A journeyman’s license shall be issued without examination and upon  
14 payment of the required fee to an applicant that is a service member or veteran  
15 who:

16 (1) submits a complete application and any documentation required by  
17 the Board;

18 (2) has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 12N  
19 Plumber or equivalent; and

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

1           (c) As used in this section:

2                   (1) “Service member” means an individual who is an active duty  
3 member of:

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

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

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

7                           (D) the National Guard of any state.

8                   (2) “Veteran” means a former service member who received an  
9 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from  
10 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for  
11 licensure.

12    Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 1622 is amended to read:

13    § 1622. REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

14           (a) ~~To~~ Except as otherwise provided pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
15 section, to be eligible for licensure as a registered nurse by endorsement, an  
16 applicant shall:

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18           (b) The Board shall issue a license to practice as a registered nurse to an  
19 applicant who:

20                   (1) is a service member or veteran;

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

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

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

9           (c) As used in this section:

10           (1) “Service member” means an individual who is an active duty  
11           member of:

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

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

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

15                   (D) the National Guard of any state.

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

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

21           § 1643. NURSING ASSISTANT LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

8           (2) has received designation by the U.S. Armed Forces as a 68W

9 Healthcare Specialist or equivalent; and

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

11       (c) As used in this section:

12          (1) “Service member” means an individual who is an active duty  
13 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. 6. 23 V.S.A. § 1227 is amended to read:

2 § 1227. CERTIFIED INSPECTION MECHANICS

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

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

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

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

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

16 (A) ASE Diesel Mechanic;

17 (B) ASE Light Truck Engine Repair;

18 (C) ASE Automobile Service Consultant;

19 (D) Certified Hazardous Material Manager; or

20 (E) Associate Safety Professional.

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1           (e) As used in this section:

2                   (1) “Service member” means an individual who is an active duty  
3 member of:

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

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

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

7                               (D) the National Guard of any state.

8                   (2) “Veteran” means a former service member who received an  
9 honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions from  
10 active duty not more than two years prior to submitting an application for  
11 certification under this section.

12       Sec. 7. 18 V.S.A. § 4303 is amended to read:

13       § 4303. RULEMAKING

14       (a) The Commissioner shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to  
15 establish minimum standards for the safe and sanitary operation of food or  
16 lodging establishments or children’s camps or any combination thereof and  
17 their administration and enforcement. The rules shall require that an  
18 establishment ~~shall~~ be constructed, maintained, and operated with strict regard  
19 for the health of the employees and the public pursuant to the following  
20 general requirements:

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

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

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

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

11       (2) As used in this subsection:

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

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

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

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

17                   (iv) the National Guard of any state.

18               (B) “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 a  
21       food establishment license under this chapter.

1       Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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5       Sec. X. EFFECTIVE DATE

6           This act shall take effect on

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