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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING BOARDS AND PROGRAMS TO APPLY RELEVANT EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR SERVICE BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OR RESERVES OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE; REQUIRING A PROGRESS REPORT; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Relevant military experience applicable for licensure MILITARY TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE TO SATISFY LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS -- RULEMAKING.** (1) Each licensing board or the department on behalf of a program shall by July 1, 2014, adopt rules that provide that licensing CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE requirements established by that board or program may be met by relevant military training, service, or education completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of any state, or the military reserves.

(2) (a) An applicant for certification or licensure shall provide to the board, or, if applying for licensure by a program, to the department satisfactory evidence, as specified in rule, of receiving military training, service, or education that is equivalent to relevant certification or licensure requirements.

(b) The department and each licensing board shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard of a state, or the military reserves toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification.

(3) The department shall report to the interim committee responsible for monitoring licensing boards by January 1, 2014, on the progress and actions taken under this section by each licensing board or program.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation -- reversion.** (1) There is appropriated \$9,500 for fiscal year 2014 from the general fund to the department of labor and industry for the rulemaking purposes described in [section 1].

(2) Any of the appropriation remaining unexpended and unencumbered by July 1, 2014, for the purposes of rulemaking under [section 1] must revert to the general fund, and the provisions of 17-7-304(4)(a) do not apply.

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.