

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 259

2 INTRODUCED BY HUNTER, FACEY, KEANE, LARSEN, ROSENDALE, THOMAS, BANGERTER, BERRY,
3 BOLAND, CLARK, COURT, CUFFE, CURTIS, DUDIK, ECK, GREEF, HAGAN, HILL, HOLLENBAUGH,
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5 NOONAN, O'HARA, PEPPERS, PRICE, REICHNER, SALOMON, C. SMITH, SQUIRES, STEENBERG,
6 AND WELBORN

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

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

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 1. Relevant military experience applicable for licensure.** (1) Each licensing
18 board or the department on behalf of a program shall by July 1, 2014, adopt rules that provide that licensing
19 requirements established by that board or program may be met by relevant military training, service, or education
20 completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the national guard
21 of any state, or the military reserves.

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

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

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28 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation -- reversion.** (1) There is appropriated \$9,500 for fiscal year
29 2014 from the general fund to the department of labor and industry for the rulemaking purposes described in
30 [section 1].

