

SENATE BILL NO. 183

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY AND EACH LICENSING BOARD ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT EVIDENCE OF MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO SATISFY LICENSING OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH LICENSING BOARD TO ADOPT RULES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. 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 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 A 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)~~ (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 of a state, ~~or the naval militia of a state~~ toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification.

~~(2) The department and each licensing board shall adopt rules to implement this section, including but not limited to what constitutes satisfactory evidence.~~

(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.

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2 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
3 integral part of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 1, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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5 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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