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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in professional and occupational
3 licenses, further providing for definitions and for retention
4 and certification.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 7501 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 7501. [Definition] Definitions.

10 [As used in this chapter, the word "person" means any] The
11 following words and phrases when used in this chapter shall have
12 the meanings given to them in this section unless the context
13 clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Person." An individual, whether male or female, who may,
15 have been, is now or may hereafter become engaged in the service
16 of the United States of America or its allies as a member of the
17 armed forces, or of the merchant marine thereof, or of any

1 auxiliary thereof subject to military discipline.

2 "Veteran." An individual who served on active duty in the <--  
3 armed forces HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, <--  
4 INCLUDING A RESERVE COMPONENT AND NATIONAL GUARD, and who has  
5 been discharged or released from the service under conditions  
6 other than dishonorable.

7 Section 2. Section 7502(b) of Title 51 is amended and the  
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 7502. Retention of licenses and certifications of persons  
10 entering military service.

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12 (b) Renewal of license or certification following  
13 discharge.--[Any such person, upon presentation of a discharge  
14 from such service within one year from date thereof, and upon  
15 payment of the fee prescribed by law for the current renewal  
16 period only, shall be entitled to a renewal of his or her  
17 license, certification or registration in the same manner as  
18 though such renewal had been made prior to the expiration of his  
19 or her last preceding renewal, as though all intermediate  
20 renewal fees had been paid and as though all continuing  
21 education or in-service training requirements have been  
22 satisfied.] A person shall, after presentation of a discharge  
23 from service described under subsection (a) within one year from  
24 the date of discharge and payment of the fee prescribed by law  
25 for the current renewal period only, be entitled to a renewal of  
26 his or her license, certification or registration in the same  
27 manner as though:

28 (1) The renewal had been made prior to the expiration of  
29 his or her last preceding renewal.

30 (2) All intermediate renewal fees had been paid.

1           (3) All continuing education or in-service training  
2           requirements have been satisfied.

3           (c) Exemptions.--A veteran's military service, education,  
4           training and service experience shall be taken into  
5           consideration by the entities listed under subsection (a) to  
6           determine whether a licensing or certification requirement has  
7           been met by or can otherwise be waived by reason of that  
8           military service, education, training or experience. The veteran  
9           shall only be required to meet a licensing or certification  
10           requirement which has not been met by or waived under this  
11           subsection.

12           Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.