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REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
FEBRUARY 9, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in rights and immunities, providing
3 for military occupational streamlining.

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

6 Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 4111. Military occupational streamlining.

9 (a) Duties of agencies.--An agency shall:

10 (1) Evaluate the extent to which military training
11 received by veterans meets all or part of the requirements
12 for the practice of an occupation which the agency certifies,
13 licenses or registers.

14 (2) Identify reciprocity mechanisms with other states
15 that further such certification, licensure or registration
16 for veterans.

17 (3) Determine if an occupational exam is available to

1 authorize veterans to practice the occupation.

2 (4) Publish as a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin a
3 summary of pathways available to veterans in order for them
4 to obtain authorization to practice the occupation.

5 (5) Consult with community colleges and other
6 postsecondary educational institutions relating to:

7 (i) Courses or programs that cover the gap between
8 military occupational specialty training and the training
9 required to practice an occupation.

10 (ii) Refresher courses for the reinstatement of
11 lapsed civilian credentials.

12 (6) Consider adopting a national credentialing exam in
13 order for veterans to be issued the certificate, license or
14 registration.

15 (b) Implementation.--

16 (1) An agency that certifies, licenses or registers more
17 than 10 occupations or oversees agencies that do so shall
18 implement subsection (a) for:

19 (i) At least 25% of the occupations within two years
20 of the effective date of this section.

21 (ii) At least 50% of the occupations within four
22 years of the effective date of this section.

23 (iii) All of the occupations within six years of the
24 effective date of this section.

25 (2) An agency that certifies, licenses or registers 10
26 or fewer occupations or oversees agencies that do so shall
27 implement subsection (a) for:

28 (i) At least 50% of the occupations within two years
29 of the effective date of this section.

30 (ii) All of the occupations within four years of the

1 effective date of this section.

2 (c) Intergovernmental cooperation.--An agency may consult
3 with any Federal or State military official or agency, community
4 college or other postsecondary educational institution in order
5 to implement this section.

6 (d) Report to General Assembly.--An agency that certifies,
7 licenses or registers an occupation shall, not later than June
8 30 of the year that commences after the effective date of this
9 section and annually thereafter for a period of six years,
10 prepare and submit a written report on the implementation of
11 this section to the majority chairpersons and minority
12 chairpersons of the Labor and Industry Committee of the Senate,
13 the Labor and Industry Committee of the House of
14 Representatives, the Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness
15 Committee of the Senate, the Veterans Affairs and Emergency
16 Preparedness Committee of the House of Representatives, the
17 State Government Committee of the Senate and the State
18 Government Committee of the House of Representatives.

19 (e) Construction.--Nothing in this section shall be
20 construed as conferring authority on an agency to determine
21 curriculum, program or courses offered at any community college
22 or other postsecondary educational institution.

23 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
24 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
25 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

26 "Agency." A department, board or commission of the
27 Commonwealth that certifies, licenses or registers an
28 occupation.

29 "Military occupational specialty." A category of special
30 duty that a member of the United States Armed Forces is trained

1 to perform.

2 "Occupation." An occupation, trade or profession that may be
3 lawfully practiced in this Commonwealth only after obtaining a
4 certification, license or registration under State law.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.