
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 350 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY READSHAW, HILL-EVANS, FREEMAN, FRANKEL, RYAN,
KORTZ, JAMES, KINSEY, MACKENZIE, BARRAR, SCHLOSSBERG,
MEHAFFIE, MENTZER, LONGIETTI, DIGIROLAMO, POLINCHOCK, STAATS,
YOUNGBLOOD, MILLARD, BERNSTINE, MOUL, SAINATO, CIRESI,
NEILSON, DEASY, SCHWEYER AND GILLEN, MAY 22, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 22, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the licensing boards and commissions under the Department
2 of State to review how military education and training may
3 partially or completely fulfill licensure requirements and to
4 develop suggested pathways to licensure for active duty
5 military and veterans.

6 WHEREAS, The Department of State, Bureau of Professional and
7 Occupational Affairs, oversees 29 licensing boards and
8 commissions that together license more than 1 million
9 Pennsylvanians; and

10 WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 veterans living in
11 Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, About 57% of veterans across the United States have
13 difficulty adjusting to civilian life and 80% do not have a job
14 when they leave the military; and

15 WHEREAS, Organizations, including the National Conference of
16 State Legislatures and the United States Department of Labor,
17 report that veterans who have training and experience in areas
18 related to civilian licensure often find that institutions of

1 higher education and licensing boards may not recognize official
2 documentation of military training and experience; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the past few years, several states, including
4 Oklahoma, New York, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont, have
5 considered and enacted legislation to require licensing boards,
6 under appropriate circumstances, to accept and recognize
7 military training and experience toward licensure requirements
8 in related occupations; and

9 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania should be a national leader in the
10 effort to ease the transition between military and civilian
11 life; and

12 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes its role in
13 promoting family-sustaining employment for our brave veterans
14 who have put their lives on the line to serve our Commonwealth
15 and our country; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge each of the
17 licensing boards and commissions under the Department of State,
18 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to review how
19 military education and training may partially or completely
20 fulfill licensure requirements, develop suggested pathways to
21 licensure for veterans and otherwise encourage licensure among
22 veterans in this Commonwealth; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the licensing boards and commissions under the
24 Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational
25 Affairs, be urged to consult and collaborate with the Department
26 of Defense and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
27 in reviewing how military education and training may partially
28 or completely fulfill licensure requirements, developing
29 suggested pathways to licensure for veterans and otherwise
30 encouraging licensure among veterans in this Commonwealth.