

HOUSE BILL No. 5343

February 10, 2016, Introduced by Reps. Kosowski and Barrett and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 27, entitled

"An act to protect the work and study performed by applicants for license or qualification for any of the trades, occupations or professions before being inducted into the armed forces; to prevent service in the armed forces being considered as a disqualifying interruption of or delay in commencement of any required period of practical experience, apprenticeship, study or training; and to permit boards of examiners and similar boards to equitably evaluate and give credit for training and experience in the armed forces,"

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.581).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) A ~~person~~**VETERAN** seeking license or qualification
2 for a trade, occupation, or profession under the laws of this state
3 and whose period of training, study, apprenticeship, or practicable
4 experience is interrupted by, or who has not entered training,
5 study, apprenticeship, or practical experience because of service
6 in the armed forces during any period of war or emergency condition
7 ~~as defined in Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended,~~

1 ~~being sections 35.61 and 35.62 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and~~
 2 ~~whose service was honorably terminated, shall be~~ **IS** entitled to
 3 license or qualification under the laws covering his qualification
 4 or licensing in force at the time of entrance into the armed
 5 forces, subsequent legislation notwithstanding. Service in the
 6 armed forces ~~shall~~ **IS** not be deemed to be a disqualifying
 7 interruption of a required period of training, study,
 8 apprenticeship, or practical experience, and a board of examiners
 9 or other qualification board under the laws of this state may
 10 accept periods of training and practical experience in the armed
 11 forces in place of the required periods of training, study,
 12 apprenticeship, or practical experience under the laws of this
 13 state ~~where~~ **IF** the board finds the standards and kinds of work or
 14 training performed in the armed forces to be substantially the same
 15 as the standards and kinds required under the laws of this state.
 16 ~~If an~~ **AN** application for benefits under this act ~~is~~ **BE** made to the
 17 respective board of examiners or other qualification board within 6
 18 months after the applicant's release from the armed forces. ~~or~~
 19 ~~within 6 months after the effective date of this act whichever is~~
 20 ~~the later date.~~

21 **(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "VETERAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**
 22 **MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

23 **(A) IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1965 PA 190, MCL**
 24 **35.61.**

25 **(B) WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED.**

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
 27 after the date it is enacted into law.

1 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
2 unless Senate Bill No.____ or House Bill No. 5332 (request no.
3 02698'15 *) of the 98th Legislature is enacted into law.