



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 150

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Substitute House Bill No. 5350

House of Representatives, March 25, 2010

The Committee on General Law reported through REP. SHAPIRO of the 144th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION CREDITS FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes or any regulation of Connecticut state
3 agencies a state agency or board that issues licenses or certificates for
4 which professional training, schooling or apprenticeship is required
5 shall provide credits or exemptions from requirements toward
6 licensure or certification for any applicant who received applicable
7 training, schooling or experience while serving as a member of the
8 armed forces. An applicant shall not be required to repeat any
9 substantively similar training or schooling required for licensure or
10 certification. For purposes of this section, "armed forces" means the
11 United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force
12 and any reserve component thereof, including the Connecticut
13 National Guard and the state militia.

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Requiring state agencies or boards that issue licenses or certificates, for which professional training is required, to provide credit or exemption towards meeting such requirements for experience while serving in the armed forces results in no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION
CREDITS FOR MILITARY TRAINING.***

SUMMARY:

This bill requires state agencies or boards that issue licenses or certificates requiring professional training, schooling, or apprenticeship to provide credits or exemption requirements toward licensure or certification for applicants who received applicable training, schooling, or experience while serving in the armed forces. It prohibits the agencies from requiring applicants to repeat any substantively similar training or schooling required for licensure or certification.

The bill defines the “armed forces” as the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force and reserve components, including the Connecticut National Guard and state militia.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2010

BACKGROUND

State Militia

By law, the state militia includes the unorganized and organized militia. The unorganized militia consists of (1) all 18 to 45-year-old male citizens and male residents who have declared their intent to become citizens, who meet certain criteria; and (2) female citizens and female residents age 18 to 45 who have declared their intent to become citizens and volunteer.

The organized militia is the Governor’s Foot and Horse Guards, the State Guard, and other military forces the governor designates (CGS §

27-2).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/02/2010)

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2010)