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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LABOR DEPARTMENT AND VETERANS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The Labor Commissioner
2 shall establish a Special Operations Resource Network to serve as a
3 clearinghouse for veterans and members of the armed forces and
4 National Guard who have acquired, as part of their military training,
5 knowledge, experience or a set of skills most compatible with certain
6 professional opportunities. The Labor Commissioner, in consultation
7 with the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant General,
8 shall develop a database in which such veterans and members are
9 categorized based on the types of military training received and cross-
10 referenced against certain professional opportunities for purposes of
11 pairing any such veteran or member with any such professional
12 opportunity. Any veteran or member of the armed forces or National
13 Guard may apply for inclusion in such database by submitting (1)
14 evidence of the military training received by such veteran or member
15 describing the particular knowledge, experience or set of skills
16 acquired, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such veteran's military

17 discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The Labor
18 Commissioner shall evaluate any such application, include such
19 veteran or member in such database, and so categorize such veteran or
20 member as described in this subsection. The Labor Commissioner shall
21 update such database weekly and shall publish such database on the
22 Labor Department's Internet web site. Any person interested in hiring
23 any such veteran or member included in such database shall contact
24 the department through a dedicated telephone number and the
25 department shall facilitate contact between such person and such
26 veteran or member. For the purposes of this section, (A) "veteran"
27 means any person who was discharged or released under conditions
28 other than dishonorable from active service in the armed forces, (B)
29 "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in section 27-103 of
30 the general statutes, and (C) "military discharge document" has the
31 same meaning as provided in section 1-219 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To pair veterans and members of the armed forces and National Guard who have acquired specialized skills from military training with certain professional opportunities compatible with such skills.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]