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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CREDITING MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
TOWARD CERTAIN LICENSES RELATED TO SUBSURFACE
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 31-22u of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

4 (a) Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any
5 veteran, within two years of such veteran's discharge from the armed
6 forces, may submit an application for military training evaluation to the
7 Labor Department program of apprentice training set forth in section
8 31-22q. Such application shall include (1) evidence of satisfactory
9 completion of a program or course of instruction as part of military
10 training that is equivalent in content and quality to that required for a
11 specific trade in this state, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such
12 veteran's military discharge document or a certified copy thereof.

13 (b) (1) The Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such application

14 and determine whether the applicant's military training may be
15 substituted for (A) all or part of the term of an apprenticeship program
16 registered with the Labor Department for a specific trade, or (B) an
17 apprentice's permit issued by the Department of Public Health under
18 subsection (b) of section 20-341d for subsurface sewage disposal system
19 work. [If]

20 (2) In the case of a specific trade under subparagraph (A) of
21 subdivision (1) of this subsection, if the commissioner determines that
22 the applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
23 completion of [such] an apprenticeship program for such trade, the
24 commissioner shall issue such applicant a recommendation for review
25 by the appropriate examining board established under section 20-331.
26 Presentation of such recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, as
27 amended by this act, shall allow such applicant to sit for any licensure
28 examination without [participation] such applicant having participated
29 in an apprenticeship program. If the commissioner determines that the
30 applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training required
31 for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of
32 qualified military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be
33 deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
34 specific trade, provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
35 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,
36 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department
37 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of
38 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9).

39 (3) In the case of subsurface sewage disposal system work under
40 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, if the
41 commissioner determines that the applicant's military training is
42 equivalent to the apprentice's permit issued for such work, the
43 commissioner shall issue such applicant a recommendation for review
44 by the Department of Public Health. Presentation of such
45 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-341e, as amended by this act,
46 shall allow such applicant to sit for any licensure examination without

47 such applicant having been issued an apprentice's permit.

48 (c) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" and "armed forces" have
49 the same meanings as provided in section 27-103, and "military
50 discharge document" has the same meaning as provided in section 1-
51 219.

52 Sec. 2. Section 20-341e of the general statutes is repealed and the
53 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

54 (a) The Department of Public Health shall hold at least four
55 examinations each year, at such times and in such locations as may be
56 convenient. Notice of the time and place of each examination shall be
57 given in writing to each applicant at least ten days prior to the
58 examination. To obtain a license an applicant shall furnish such
59 evidence of competency as said department shall require. A
60 recommendation for review issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of
61 subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this act, shall be
62 sufficient to demonstrate such competency. The applicant shall satisfy
63 said department that he has the requisite skill to perform the work of a
64 subsurface sewage disposal system installer or cleaner and can comply
65 with all other requirements of this chapter. A recommendation for
66 review issued pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-
67 22u, as amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate that an
68 applicant has such requisite skill and can comply with all other
69 requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under this
70 chapter. Upon application to said department for a license, the applicant
71 shall pay to said department a fee of fifty dollars for a subsurface sewage
72 disposal system installer license or twenty dollars for a subsurface
73 sewage disposal system cleaner license. Any such fee shall be waived
74 for persons who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant
75 to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this
76 act. The applicant shall present himself at the next regular examination.

77 (b) The Department of Public Health shall conduct such written, oral
78 and practical examinations as it deems necessary to test the knowledge

79 of the applicant for a subsurface sewage disposal system installer's
80 license on sewage disposal system construction and installation or to
81 test the knowledge of the applicant for a subsurface sewage disposal
82 system cleaner on subsurface sewage disposal system cleaning and
83 servicing. The department shall allow any applicant who has not been
84 issued an apprentice's permit, but who presents a recommendation for
85 review pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
86 amended by this act, to sit for any such examination.

87 (c) When an applicant has qualified for a license, the department shall
88 issue to such person a license entitling him to engage in the work or
89 occupation of subsurface sewage disposal system installer or subsurface
90 sewage disposal system cleaner until the date for renewal under section
91 19a-88. All fees collected by said department shall be promptly
92 transmitted to the State Treasurer.

93 Sec. 3. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-333 of the 2022
94 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
95 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

96 (a) To obtain a license under this chapter, an applicant shall have
97 attained such applicant's eighteenth birthday and shall furnish such
98 evidence of competency as the appropriate board or the Commissioner
99 of Consumer Protection shall require. A recommendation for review
100 issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
101 amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate such
102 competency. The applicant shall satisfy such board or the commissioner
103 that such applicant possesses a diploma or other evidence of graduation
104 from the eighth grade of grammar school, or possesses an equivalent
105 education to be determined on examination and has the requisite skill
106 to perform the work in the trade for which such applicant is applying
107 for a license and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter
108 and the regulations adopted under this chapter. A recommendation for
109 review issued pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-
110 22u, as amended by this act, shall be sufficient to demonstrate that an
111 applicant [possesses] has such requisite skill and can comply with all

112 other requirements of this chapter and the regulations adopted under
113 this chapter. For any application submitted pursuant to this section that
114 requires a hearing or other action by the applicable examining board or
115 the commissioner, such hearing or other action by the applicable
116 examining board or the commissioner shall occur not later than thirty
117 days after the date of submission for such application. Upon application
118 for any such license, the applicant shall pay to the department a
119 nonrefundable application fee of ninety dollars for a license under
120 subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) and subdivision (4) of
121 subsection (e) of section 20-334a, or a nonrefundable application fee of
122 one hundred fifty dollars for a license under subdivision (1) of
123 subsection (a), subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (b), subdivision (1)
124 of subsection (c) and subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (e) of
125 section 20-334a. Any such application fee shall be waived for persons
126 who present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to
127 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as amended by this
128 act.

129 (b) The department shall conduct such written, oral and practical
130 examinations as the appropriate board, with the consent of the
131 commissioner, deems necessary to test the knowledge of the applicant
132 in the work for which a license is being sought. The department shall
133 allow any applicant [] who has not participated in an apprenticeship
134 program, but who presents a recommendation for review issued
135 pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 31-22u, as
136 amended by this act, to sit for any such examination. Any person
137 completing the required apprentice training program for a
138 journeyman's license under section 20-334a shall, within thirty days
139 following such completion, apply for a licensure examination given by
140 the department. If an applicant does not pass such licensure
141 examination, the commissioner shall provide each failed applicant with
142 information on how to retake the examination and a report describing
143 the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in such examination. Any
144 apprentice permit issued under section 20-334a to an applicant who fails
145 three licensure examinations in any one-year period shall remain in

146 effect if such applicant applies for and takes the first licensure
147 examination given by the department following the one-year period
148 from the date of such applicant's third and last unsuccessful licensure
149 examination. Otherwise, such permit shall be revoked as of the date of
150 the first examination given by the department following expiration of
151 such one-year period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	31-22u
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-341e
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	20-333(a) and (b)

VA *Joint Favorable*