



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 239

LCO No. 1758



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION OR TUITION FEES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2025, the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
3 the Labor Commissioner and the executive director of the Technical
4 Education and Career System, shall establish a grant program through
5 which any veteran in this state, and any person sponsoring an
6 apprenticeship program in which any such veteran participates, may
7 apply for reimbursement of licensure, certification, registration or
8 tuition fees associated with occupations, apprenticeships or trade
9 programs within the jurisdiction of boards or councils in the
10 Department of Consumer Protection or Labor Department, as
11 applicable. As used in this section, "veteran" has the same meaning as
12 provided in section 27-103 of the general statutes.

13 (b) The following shall be eligible for reimbursement through the
14 grant program established under this section:

15 (1) Any fee paid to the Department of Consumer Protection by a
16 veteran for any (A) examination, (B) initial licensure or certification, or
17 (C) annual renewal for the five years immediately following such initial
18 licensure or certification;

19 (2) Any fee paid to the Labor Department by a person sponsoring an
20 apprenticeship program for any apprentice who (A) participates in such
21 program, and (B) is a veteran; and

22 (3) Up to one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, in tuition fees
23 charged by the Technical Education and Career System board for a
24 student who is a veteran, and paid to said board by, (A) such veteran,
25 or (B) the person sponsoring an apprenticeship program in which such
26 veteran participates.

27 (c) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
28 the Labor Commissioner and the executive director of the Technical
29 Education and Career System, shall prescribe the manner in which
30 eligible veterans or persons sponsoring apprenticeship programs shall
31 apply for reimbursement through the grant program established under
32 this section.

33 (d) Not later than January 1, 2026, and every six months thereafter,
34 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, the Labor Commissioner
35 and the executive director of the Technical Education and Career System
36 shall jointly submit a report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
37 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
38 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to veterans' affairs.
39 Such report shall contain (1) information detailing the number of
40 applications approved, and the total amount reimbursed, under the
41 grant program established under this section, and (2) recommendations
42 for legislation to address any areas for improvement in the
43 administration of such grant program that have been identified in such
44 report.

45 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2024*) The sum of one hundred thousand
46 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Consumer Protection from

47 the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for the grant
48 program established under section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2024</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish, and appropriate funds for, a grant program for the reimbursement of certain licensing, certification, registration and tuition fees.

[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.]