

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5404**

LCO No. 3093

**AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND  
THE DRIVER'S LICENSE ENDORSEMENT TO OPERATE FIRE  
APPARATUS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (d) (1) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q"  
5 indicates eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall  
6 signify that the holder has been trained to operate fire apparatus in  
7 accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire  
8 Prevention and Control.

9 [No such] (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
10 subdivision, no "Q" endorsement shall be issued to any person until [he  
11 or she] such person demonstrates personally to the commissioner, or the  
12 commissioner's designee, including the Connecticut Fire Academy, any  
13 regional fire school or the chief local fire official of any municipality as  
14 defined in section 7-323j, by means of testing in a representative vehicle  
15 that such person possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire  
16 apparatus.

17 (B) If the holder of a license of any class is (i) a veteran who applies  
18 to the commissioner for a "Q" endorsement not later than two years after  
19 the date of discharge from the military and who, not more than two  
20 years prior to such discharge, held a military operator's license to

21 operate a motor vehicle which is the equivalent of a motor vehicle that  
22 carries a classification between Class 6 and Class 13, inclusive, under the  
23 Federal Highway Administration vehicle classification system, or (ii) a  
24 member of the armed forces or the National Guard who applies to the  
25 commissioner for a "Q" endorsement and who currently holds a military  
26 operator's license to operate a motor vehicle which is the equivalent of  
27 a motor vehicle that carries a classification between Class 6 and Class  
28 13, inclusive, under the Federal Highway Administration vehicle  
29 classification system, the commissioner shall waive the requirement  
30 under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision to demonstrate that such  
31 veteran or member possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire  
32 apparatus. The commissioner shall prescribe the form and manner by  
33 which such veteran or member shall apply for such waiver. As used in  
34 this subparagraph, "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same  
35 meanings as provided in section 27-103.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	14-36a(d)
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