

REPORT TO THE IOWA LEGISLATURE
On the Home Base Iowa Initiative
By the Iowa Department of Public Safety
Report Period: January 1, 2015 through December 14, 2016

Overview

On May 26, 2014, Governor Terry Branstad signed Senate File 303, known as the Home Base Iowa Act, into law. The provisions of the Act included allowing credit toward licensure for relevant military training and experience, expedited licensing and reciprocity for veterans who were licensed in other states, and, a requirement that each licensing board file an annual report with the Governor and Legislature to provide information and statistics on credit received by veterans for education, training, and service, and information and statistics on licenses and provisional licenses issued pursuant to the Act.

Electrical Examining Board Members

The members of the Electrical Examining Board are appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 103.2(2), the members must represent different areas and groups of the electrical profession:

The current members are:

Kathryn Kunert, public utility representative, Des Moines,
Allen DeHeer, journeyman electrician--union, Winterset,
TJ Meiners, licensed electrical engineer, Cedar Rapids,
Marg Stoldorf, public member—non-union, Red Oak (Vice Chair),
John Claeys, electrical inspector, Blue Grass,
Emily Wuebker, public member—union, Afton,
Wayne Engle, electrical contractor—union, Marion,
Todd Cash, master electrician—non-union, Mason City
Jeffrey Quigle, Iowa Fire Marshal, West Des Moines,
David Guthrie, building official, Grimes,
Kyle Barnhart, journeyman electrician—non-union, Atalissa, (Chair)

Rulemaking

Pursuant to the requirements of the Act, in March, 2015, the Electrical Examining Board adopted new administrative rules which provided for credit for appropriate military training, and also provided for expedited licensing and reciprocity for veterans. The licensing requirements for electrician licenses are established by rule. Appropriate electrical training received in the military can be accepted as credit toward meeting the requirements for licensing. The

administrative rules previously adopted also provide assistance to veterans by tolling the licensing renewal periods for the time the veteran is on active duty.

Licensing Authority of the Iowa Department of Public Safety

The Electrical Examining Board is created in the division of State Fire Marshal in the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Iowa Code section 103.2.

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In 2015, there was one veteran who applied for licensing as an electrician and requested credit for military training. The credit could not be granted because the training was not in an area that met the requirements for electrical licensing.

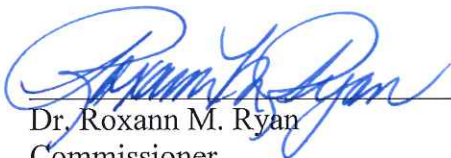
There were no veterans who were applicants for licensing as electricians in 2016 and who submitted requests for credit for military experience.

Other licensing authority of the Department of Public Safety

The Department of Public Safety is also granted licensing authority as an agency. The Department has authority to issue licenses or certifications in the following occupations: private investigation, private security, bail enforcement, alarm system contractors and installers, and fire suppression and fire alarm system contractors and installers. These activities are administered within the Department, and not by a licensing board.

For the private investigation, private security and bail enforcement, there are no licensing requirements for which military experience could receive credit. For the fire suppression and fire alarm contractors and installers, there are some military training and qualifications which would also serve as qualifications for the appropriate license or certification. In 2016, one veteran applied for and was licensed as a security alarm installer.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety fully supports the Home Base Iowa program and looks forward to supporting veterans who would like to make their home in Iowa.



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