

House File 2319 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
AFFAIRS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 616)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to professional and occupational licensure of
2 veterans and the spouses of veterans.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272C.4, Code 2014, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 11. Adopt rules by January 1, 2015, to
4 provide credit towards qualifications for licensure to practice
5 an occupation or profession in this state for education,
6 training, and service obtained or completed by an individual
7 while serving honorably on federal active duty, state active
8 duty, or national guard duty, as defined in section 29A.1,
9 to the extent consistent with the qualifications required
10 by the appropriate licensing board. The rules shall also
11 provide credit towards qualifications for initial licensure
12 for education, training, or service obtained or completed by
13 an individual while serving honorably in the military forces
14 of another state or the organized reserves of the armed
15 forces of the United States, to the extent consistent with the
16 qualifications required by the appropriate licensing board.

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 12. *a.* Establish procedures by January
18 1, 2015, to expedite the licensing of an individual who is
19 licensed in a similar profession or occupation in another state
20 and who is a veteran, as defined in section 35.1, or the spouse
21 of a veteran.

22 *b.* If the board determines that the professional or
23 occupational licensing requirements of the state where the
24 veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are substantially
25 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state, the
26 procedures shall require the licensing of the veteran or the
27 veteran's spouse in this state.

28 *c.* If the board determines that the professional or
29 occupational licensing requirements of the state where the
30 veteran or veteran's spouse is licensed are not substantially
31 equivalent to the professional or occupational licensing
32 requirements of this state, the procedures shall allow the
33 provisional licensing of the veteran or veteran's spouse for
34 a period of time deemed necessary by the board to obtain a
35 substantial equivalent to the licensing requirements of this

1 state. The board shall advise the veteran or the veteran's
2 spouse of required education or training necessary to obtain
3 a substantial equivalent to the professional or occupational
4 licensing requirements of this state, and the procedures shall
5 provide for licensing of an individual who has, pursuant to
6 this paragraph, obtained a substantial equivalent to the
7 professional or occupational licensing requirements of this
8 state.

9 NEW SUBSECTION. 13. Beginning December 15, 2016, annually
10 file a report with the governor and the general assembly
11 providing information and statistics on credit received by
12 individuals for education, training, and service pursuant to
13 subsection 11 and information and statistics on licenses and
14 provisional licenses issued pursuant to subsection 12.

15 NEW SUBSECTION. 14. Notwithstanding the designation
16 of the licensing boards in section 272C.1, the provisions
17 of subsections 11 through 13 shall apply to all of the
18 occupational and professional licensing boards of this state.

19 Sec. 2. REPORT. Each occupational and professional
20 licensing board of this state shall file a report with the
21 governor and the general assembly by January 31, 2015, on the
22 substance of rules and procedures adopted to implement the
23 provisions of this division of this Act.

24 EXPLANATION

25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
26 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

27 This bill relates to professional and occupational licensure
28 of veterans and the spouses of veterans.

29 The bill amends Code section 272C.4 to require that all
30 professional and occupational licensing boards adopt rules
31 by January 1, 2015, to provide credit towards licensing for
32 education, training, and service that is either obtained or
33 completed by an individual while serving on federal active
34 duty, state active duty, or national guard duty. The bill
35 further requires that the rules provide such credit toward

1 licensure for service in the military forces of other states
2 or the organized reserves of the armed forces of the United
3 States. Code section 272C.1 provides that the term "licensing"
4 and its derivations include the terms "registration" and
5 "certification" and their derivations.

6 The bill also requires that licensing boards establish
7 procedures to expedite the licensing in this state of
8 certain individuals who are licensed to practice in a similar
9 profession or occupation in another state if the individual
10 is a veteran or the spouse of a veteran and if the board
11 determines that the licensing requirements of the other state
12 are substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements
13 of this state. The bill also requires that if the board
14 determines that another state's licensing requirements are
15 not substantially equivalent to the licensing requirements of
16 this state, the board shall issue a provisional license to
17 the qualifying veteran or the qualifying spouse of a veteran
18 for a period of time deemed necessary to obtain a substantial
19 equivalent to the licensing requirements of this state.

20 The bill requires that occupational and professional
21 licensing boards provide a report to the governor and to the
22 general assembly by December 15, 2016, on the awarding of
23 credits for qualifying education, training, and service and on
24 licensing and provisional licensing awarded under the bill.

25 The bill requires that each occupational and professional
26 licensing board report to the governor and the general
27 assembly by January 31, 2015, on the substance of the rules and
28 procedures adopted to carry out the provisions of the bill.