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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 49, *approved May 6, 2013*
Assembly, No. 2882 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses and
2 supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any other act or regulation to the
8 contrary, a professional or occupational board designated in section
9 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues a professional or
10 occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification for
11 which professional training, education, or experience is required
12 shall ²~~provide, by regulation, waivers or exemptions from~~
13 ~~requirements toward licensure or certification for any applicant who~~
14 ~~received training, education, or experience]~~ give credit toward its
15 requirements for licensure or certification for training, education,
16 and experience received² while serving as a member of the Armed
17 Forces of the United States that is substantially equivalent to the
18 training, education, or experience required for licensure or
19 certification. ²~~Each board shall provide for methods of evaluating~~
20 ~~the equivalence of training, education, or experience obtained in the~~
21 ~~Armed Forces of the United States to the training, education, or~~
22 ~~experience required by the board for licensure or certification, and,~~
23 ~~within~~ ¹~~[180]~~ 90¹ days after the effective date of this act,
24 promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver or exemption
25 from requirements toward licensure or certification to be provided
26 for substantially equivalent training, education, or experience
27 obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.]²

28 b. ²~~Within~~ ¹~~[180]~~ 90¹ days after the ¹~~effective date of this~~
29 ~~act,]~~ rules and regulations have been promulgated,¹ each
30 professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of
31 P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues licenses or certificates for
32 which professional training, education, or experience is required
33 shall report to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans'
34 Affairs ¹, and the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
35 and the General Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted May 14, 2012.

²Senate floor amendments adopted February 7, 2013.

1 Committee, or their successors,¹ concerning that board's
2 compliance with the requirements of subsection a. of this section]

3 A professional or occupational board shall issue a license or
4 certification to an applicant who presents evidence to the board that:

5 (1) the applicant has been honorably discharged from active
6 military service;

7 (2) the training, education, and experience the applicant
8 received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the
9 United States, together with any training, education, and experience
10 obtained outside of the Armed Forces, is substantially equivalent to
11 training, education, or experience required for licensure or
12 certification; and

13 (3) the applicant complies with all other requirements for
14 licensure, including, without limitation, any requirement for
15 examination.

16 c. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of
17 education, a professional or occupational board shall consider
18 education courses directly relevant to the profession or occupation
19 for which a license or certification is sought that are part of the
20 applicant's military training or service that meet the equivalence
21 standards of the American Council on Education.

22 d. For the purpose of determining substantial equivalence of
23 experience, a professional or occupational board shall consider
24 whether the experience gained in the military is of a character
25 equivalent to that which would have been gained in the civilian
26 sector doing similar work.

27 e. A professional or occupational board may require an
28 applicant to provide such documentation of the applicant's training,
29 education, or experience as deemed necessary by the board to
30 determine substantial equivalency. An applicant seeking credit for
31 military training, experience, or both shall submit to the appropriate
32 professional or occupational board the applicant's Verification of
33 Military Experience and Training (VMET) Document, DD Form
34 2586.

35 f. To the extent that an applicant's military training, education,
36 or experience, or a portion thereof, is not deemed substantially
37 equivalent, a professional or occupational board shall credit
38 whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience
39 that is substantially equivalent towards meeting the requirements
40 for the issuance of the license or certificate².

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42 ². Each professional or occupational board designated in
43 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15), subject to the provisions of
44 this act, pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure
45 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules
46 and regulations necessary to implement this act.²

1 ²[2.] 3.² This act shall take effect ²[immediately] 12 months
2 following enactment, but each board may take such anticipatory
3 administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for
4 the implementation of this act².

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9 Requires professional boards to provide credits toward
10 requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent
11 training.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2882

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 10, 2012

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman MATTHEW W. MILAM
District 1 (Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland)
Assemblywoman GABRIELA M. MOSQUERA
District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)
Assemblyman TIMOTHY J. EUSTACE
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON
District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)
Assemblyman CHRISTOPHER J. BROWN
District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

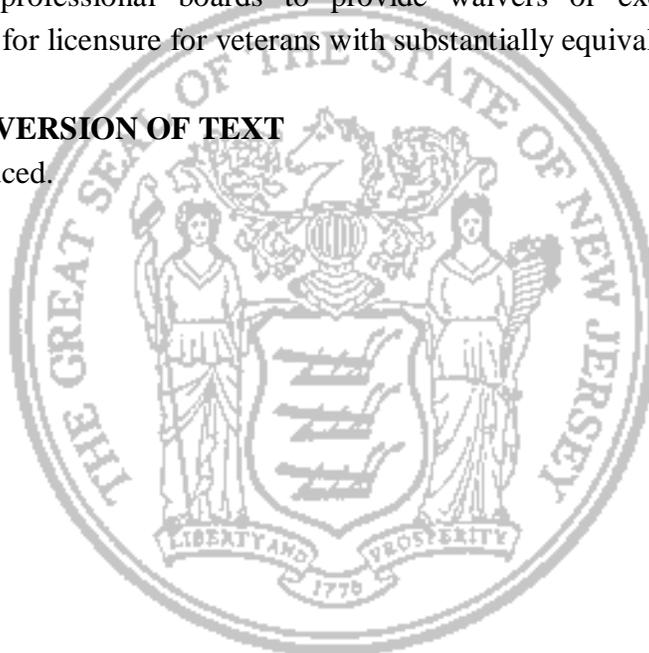
Assemblywomen Tucker and Gove

SYNOPSIS

Requires professional boards to provide waivers or exemptions from requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/15/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning professional and occupational licenses and
2 supplementing P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.).
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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:
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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any other act or regulation to the
8 contrary, a professional or occupational board designated in section
9 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues a professional or
10 occupational license, certificate of registration, or certification for
11 which professional training, education, or experience is required
12 shall provide, by regulation, waivers or exemptions from
13 requirements toward licensure or certification for any applicant who
14 received training, education, or experience while serving as a
15 member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is
16 substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience
17 required for licensure or certification. Each board shall provide for
18 methods of evaluating the equivalence of training, education, or
19 experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States to the
20 training, education, or experience required by the board for
21 licensure or certification, and, within 180 days after the effective
22 date of this act, promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver
23 or exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to
24 be provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or
25 experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

26 b. Within 180 days after the effective date of this act, each
27 professional or occupational board designated in section 2 of
28 P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues licenses or certificates for
29 which professional training, education, or experience is required
30 shall report to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans'
31 Affairs concerning that board's compliance with the requirements
32 of subsection a. of this section.
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34 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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37 STATEMENT
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39 This bill requires professional or occupational boards that issue
40 professional or occupational licenses, certificates of registration, or
41 certifications for which professional training, education, or
42 experience is required to provide, by regulation, waivers or
43 exemptions from requirements toward licensure or certification for
44 any applicant who received training, education, or experience while
45 serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that
46 is substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience
47 required for licensure or certification. The bill requires each board
48 to provide for methods of evaluating the equivalence of training,

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1 education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the
2 United States to the training, education, or experience required by
3 the board for licensure or certification, and promulgate regulations
4 on the partial or total waiver or exemption from requirements
5 toward licensure or certification to be provided for substantially
6 equivalent training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed
7 Forces of the United States.

8 This bill also requires each professional or occupational board
9 that issues licenses or certificates for which professional training,
10 education, or experience is required to report to the New Jersey
11 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs concerning that
12 board's compliance with the requirements of the bill by 180 days
13 following the date of enactment.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2882

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 14, 2012

The Assembly Military and Veterans Affairs' Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly, No. 2882.

As amended, this bill requires professional or occupational boards that issue professional or occupational licenses, certificates of registration, or certifications for which professional training, education, or experience is required to provide, by regulation, waivers or exemptions from requirements toward licensure or certification for any applicant who received training, education, or experience while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience required for licensure or certification. The bill requires each board to provide for methods of evaluating the equivalence of training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States to the training, education, or experience required by the board for licensure or certification. This bill also requires each board to promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver or exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to be provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

This bill also requires each professional or occupational board that issues licenses or certificates for which professional training, education, or experience is required to report to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee and the General Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, or their successors, concerning the board's compliance with the requirements of the bill within 90 days following the establishment of their rules and regulations.

The term "member of the Armed Forces" includes an individual or member of an organized unit ordered into active service in the Armed Forces of the United States by reason of membership in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 2882

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2882 (1R).

This bill requires professional or occupational boards that issue professional or occupational licenses, certificates of registration, or certifications for which professional training, education, or experience is required to provide, by regulation, waivers or exemptions from requirements toward licensure or certification for any applicant who received training, education, or experience while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience required for licensure or certification. The bill requires each board to provide for methods of evaluating the equivalence of training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States to the training, education, or experience required by the board for licensure or certification. This bill also requires each board to promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver or exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to be provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

This bill also requires each professional or occupational board that issues licenses or certificates for which professional training, education, or experience is required to report to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the Senate Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee and the General Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, or their successors, concerning the board's compliance with the requirements of the bill within 90 days following the establishment of their rules and regulations.

The term "member of the Armed Forces" includes an individual or member of an organized unit ordered into active service in the Armed Forces of the United States by reason of membership in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

The bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2034, which also was reported favorably by the Senate Commerce Committee on February 4, 2013.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY No. 2882

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senators WHELAN and BEACH)

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

These Senate amendments require the professional and occupational boards to give credit towards requirements for licensure or certification for certain training, education, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

These Senate amendments require the professional and occupational boards to issue licenses or certifications to applicants who present evidence to the board of honorable discharge for the Armed Forces, training, education and experience that is substantially equivalent to that required for licensure, and compliance with all other requirements for licensure, including, without limitation, examination requirements. For the purposes of determining substantial equivalence, the amendments require the boards to consider:

(1) Education courses that are part of the applicant's military training or service that meet the equivalence standards of the American Council on Education; and

(2) Experience gained in the military that is of a character equivalent to that which would have been gained in the civilian sector doing similar work.

These Senate amendments also establish required documentation of military training, education, or experience that must be submitted to the boards by veteran applicants seeking equivalency credits.

SENATE, No. 2034

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 31, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator JIM WHELAN

District 2 (Atlantic)

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators A.R.Bucco, Gordon, Madden and Vitale

SYNOPSIS

Requires professional boards to provide waivers or exemptions from requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/8/2013)

S2034 WHELAN, BEACH

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14 received training, education, or experience while serving as a
15 member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is
16 substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience
17 required for licensure or certification. Each board shall provide for
18 methods of evaluating the equivalence of training, education, or
19 experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States to the
20 training, education, or experience required by the board for
21 licensure or certification, and, within 90 days after the effective
22 date of this act, promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver
23 or exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to
24 be provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or
25 experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

26 b. Within 90 days after the rules and regulations have been
27 promulgated, each professional or occupational board designated in
28 section 2 of P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-15) that issues licenses or
29 certificates for which professional training, education, or experience
30 is required shall report to the New Jersey Department of Military
31 and Veterans' Affairs, and the Senate Military and Veterans'
32 Affairs Committee and the General Assembly Military and
33 Veterans' Affairs Committee, or their successors, concerning that
34 board's compliance with the requirements of subsection a. of this
35 section.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires professional or occupational boards that issue
43 professional or occupational licenses, certificates of registration, or
44 certifications for which professional training, education, or
45 experience is required to provide, by regulation, waivers or
46 exemptions from requirements toward licensure or certification for
47 any applicant who received training, education, or experience while
48 serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that

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1 is substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience
2 required for licensure or certification. The bill requires each board
3 to provide for methods of evaluating the equivalence of training,
4 education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the
5 United States to the training, education, or experience required by
6 the board for licensure or certification. This bill also requires each
7 board to promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver or
8 exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to be
9 provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or
10 experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

11 This bill also requires each professional or occupational board
12 that issues licenses or certificates for which professional training,
13 education, or experience is required to report to the New Jersey
14 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, and the Senate
15 Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee and the General
16 Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee, or their
17 successors, concerning the board's compliance with the
18 requirements of the bill within 90 days following the establishment
19 of their rules and regulations.

20 The term "member of the Armed Forces" includes an individual
21 or member of an organized unit ordered into active service in the
22 Armed Forces of the United States by reason of membership in a
23 reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or any
24 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2034

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2034.

This bill requires professional or occupational boards that issue professional or occupational licenses, certificates of registration, or certifications for which professional training, education, or experience is required to provide, by regulation, waivers or exemptions from requirements toward licensure or certification for any applicant who received training, education, or experience while serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States that is substantially equivalent to the training, education, or experience required for licensure or certification. The bill requires each board to provide for methods of evaluating the equivalence of training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States to the training, education, or experience required by the board for licensure or certification. This bill also requires each board to promulgate regulations on the partial or total waiver or exemption from requirements toward licensure or certification to be provided for substantially equivalent training, education, or experience obtained in the Armed Forces of the United States.

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