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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL LICENSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that veterans who leave  
2 the military often experience delays in finding post-service  
3 employment. Transitioning veterans leave the military with  
4 documented education, training, and experience that can prepare  
5 them for civilian employment; however, this documentation is not  
6 always used by state entities when determining qualifications  
7 for an occupational license.

8           The legislature further finds that the employment of  
9 military veterans has been cited as a top priority by the  
10 President of the United States and the United States Secretaries  
11 of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The First Lady of the United  
12 States has addressed this issue as well, as part of the Joining  
13 Forces Initiative, which was established to raise awareness and  
14 encourage all sectors of society to recognize the service and  
15 sacrifice of military veterans.

16           The legislature additionally finds that Act 248, Session  
17 Laws of Hawaii 2012, was one measure that demonstrated Hawaii's  
18 commitment to this nationwide effort. However, an amendment to



1 Act 248 is needed to clarify the requirements for military  
2 veteran licensure in Hawaii.

3 The purpose of this Act is to assist transitioning military  
4 veterans by clarifying that licensing authorities who consider  
5 relevant education, training, or service of a military veteran  
6 applicant and determine the applicant meets or exceeds the  
7 requirements for licensure in Hawaii shall not then require the  
8 applicant to take a national or regional exam.

9 SECTION 2. Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, is  
10 amended by amending section 1 to read as follows:

11 "SECTION 1. Chapter 436B, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

13 "**§436B- Licensure; acceptance of military education,**  
14 **training, or service.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
15 every licensing authority subject to this chapter, upon  
16 presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant, shall  
17 consider relevant education, training, or service completed by  
18 an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the  
19 United States, the national guard of any state, the military  
20 reserves of any state, or the navy militia of any state as part  
21 of the evaluation process toward the qualification requirements  
22 to receive the license. Evidence presented for consideration



1 for fulfillment or partial fulfillment of licensing requirements  
2 shall demonstrate substantial equivalency to state standards.  
3 If a licensing authority subject to this chapter considers the  
4 relevant education, training, or service of an applicant  
5 pursuant to this section and determines the applicant meets or  
6 exceeds the requirements for licensure in this State, then the  
7 licensing authority shall not require the applicant to take a  
8 national or regional exam."

9 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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**Report Title:**

Professional and Vocational Licensing; Military Education,  
Training, or Service; Licensure

**Description:**

Clarifies that licensing authorities that consider relevant education, training, or service of a military veteran applicant and determine the applicant meets or exceeds the requirements for licensure in Hawaii shall not then require the applicant to take a national or regional exam. (Proposed SD2)

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