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SENATE BILL 16-134

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FOR MILITARY VETERANS IN
102 CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills/summaries>.)

Section 1 of the bill requires the Colorado department of public health and environment (CDPHE) to consider crediting a military veteran's training, education, and experience toward the qualifications for certification as an emergency medical service provider.

Section 2 of the bill requires the Colorado department of revenue (DOR) to consider crediting a military veteran's training, education, and

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experience toward the qualifications for a commercial driver's license.

Section 3 of the bill requires the division of veterans affairs to make reasonable efforts to notify a discharged member of the obligations of CDPHE and DOR under sections 1 and 2 of the bill and of the duties and functions of a professional licensing authority that is regulated by the department of regulatory agencies.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-203, **amend**
3 (1) (d) (II) as follows:

4 **25-3.5-203. Emergency medical service providers -**
5 **certification - renewal of certificate - duties of department - rules -**
6 **criminal history record checks - definitions.** (1) (d) (II) Upon
7 presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for CERTIFICATION
8 OR renewal of certification, the department SHALL CONSIDER AND may
9 accept continuing medical education, training, or service completed by an
10 individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United
11 States, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state,
12 or the naval militia of any state toward the qualifications to renew OR
13 GRANT the individual's certification.

14 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-403, **add** (5) as
15 follows:

16 **42-2-403. Department authority - rules - federal requirements.**
17 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW OR RULE TO THE CONTRARY, UPON
18 PRESENTATION OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BY AN APPLICANT, THE
19 DEPARTMENT:

20 (a) SHALL CONSIDER THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE
21 OBTAINED BY AN APPLICANT AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED
22 FORCES OR RESERVES, THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE, THE

1 MILITARY RESERVES OF ANY STATE, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF ANY STATE;
2 AND

3 (b) MAY CREDIT THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE
4 TOWARD THE QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR
5 REGISTRATION.

6 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-705, **amend** (1)
7 (g); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

8 **28-5-705. Duties.** (1) The division, in accordance with its rules,
9 shall perform the following duties and functions:

10 (g) Prepare, develop, construct, and maintain a state military
11 veterans' cemetery pursuant to section 28-5-708 and seek reimbursement
12 from the federal department of veterans affairs for all allowable costs for
13 ~~such~~ THE project as permitted by federal law; AND

14 (h) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO NOTIFY MEMBERS OF THE
15 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR RETURN
16 TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND ARE LOCATED IN COLORADO, OR INTEND TO
17 RELOCATE TO COLORADO UPON DISCHARGE, OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN
18 SECTIONS 24-34-102 (8) AND (8.5), 25-3.5-203, AND 42-2-403, C.R.S.

19 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
20 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
21 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.