

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Richter and Dean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to licensure fee exemptions for
3 military veterans; amending s. 456.013, F.S.;
4 requiring that the Department of Health waive certain
5 licensure fees for veterans; requiring the department
6 to prescribe the format of the fee waivers; limiting
7 the time period a veteran can apply to 24 months after
8 discharge; requiring applying veterans to be honorably
9 discharged; amending s. 468.304, F.S.; requiring that
10 the department waive the initial application fee for
11 veterans who apply for a radiological personnel
12 certification; requiring the department to prescribe
13 the form of the fee waiver; limiting the time period a
14 veteran can apply to 24 months after honorable
15 discharge; excluding a specific fee from the waiver;
16 providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 456.013,
21 Florida Statutes, to read:

22 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

23 (13) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,
24 the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity
25 fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for an
26 initial license within 24 months after being honorably
27 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
28 The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form
29 prescribed by the department and must submit supporting

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30 documentation as required by the department. To qualify for
31 these waivers, the veteran must be honorably discharged.

32 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 468.304, Florida
33 Statutes, is amended to read:

34 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any
35 applicant who meets the following criteria:

36 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may not
37 exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the
38 department for purchasing the examination from a national
39 organization. The department shall waive the initial application
40 fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for an
41 initial certification within 24 months after being honorably
42 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
43 The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form
44 prescribed by the department and must submit supporting
45 documentation as required by the department. This waiver does
46 not include the fee for purchasing the examination from a
47 national organization.

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49 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed
50 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the
51 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant
52 had been certified by the department at the time of the offense.
53 An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may
54 not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography
55 certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.