

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Steube offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 92 and 93, insert:

5 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 265.003, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 265.003 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame.—

8 (4) (a) The Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council shall
9 annually accept nominations of persons to be considered for
10 induction into the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame and shall
11 transmit a list of up to 20 nominees to the Department of
12 Veterans' Affairs for submission to the Governor and the Cabinet
13 who will select the nominees to be inducted.

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14 (b) In selecting its nominees for submission to the
15 Governor and the Cabinet, the ~~Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame~~
16 council shall give preference to veterans who were born in
17 Florida or adopted Florida as their home state or base of
18 operation and who have made a significant contribution to the
19 state in civic, business, public service, or other pursuits.

20 (c) For purposes of this section, the term "veteran" or
21 "military veteran" means a person who meets the definition of
22 the term in s. 1.01(14) or a former member of the Florida
23 National Guard.

24 Section 3. Section 489.1131, Florida Statutes, is created
25 to read:

26 489.1131 Credit for relevant military training and
27 education.-

28 (1) The department shall provide a method by which
29 honorably discharged veterans may apply for licensure. The
30 method must include a veteran-specific application and provide:

31 (a) To the fullest extent possible, credit toward the
32 requirements for licensure for military experience, training,
33 and education received and completed during service in the
34 United States Armed Forces if the military experience, training,
35 or education is substantially similar to the experience,
36 training, or education required for licensure.

37 (b) Acceptance of up to 3 years of active duty service in
38 the United States Armed Forces, regardless of duty or training,
39 to meet the experience requirements of s. 489.111(2)(c). At

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40 least 1 additional year of active experience as a foreman in the
41 trade, either civilian or military, is required to fulfill the
42 experience requirement of s. 489.111(2)(c).

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44 The board may adopt rules pursuant to s. 120.536(1) and s.
45 120.54 to implement this subsection.

46 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning
47 October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the department, in
48 conjunction with the board, is directed to prepare and submit a
49 report titled "Construction and Electrical Contracting Veteran
50 Applicant Statistics" to the Governor, the President of the
51 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
52 report must include statistics and information relating to this
53 section and s. 489.5161 which detail:

54 (a) The number of applicants who identified themselves as
55 veterans.

56 (b) The number of veterans whose application for a license
57 was approved.

58 (c) The number of veterans whose application for a license
59 was denied, including the reasons for denial.

60 (d) Data on the application processing times for veterans.

61 (e) Recommendations on ways to improve the department's
62 ability to meet the needs of veterans which would effectively
63 address the challenges that veterans face when separating from
64 military service and seeking a license regulated by the
65 department pursuant to part I of chapter 489.

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66 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
67 489.511, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

68 489.511 Certification; application; examinations;
69 endorsement.—

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71 (b) Any person desiring to be certified as a contractor
72 shall apply to the department in writing and must meet the
73 following criteria:

74 1. Be of good moral character;

75 2. Pass the certification examination, achieving a passing
76 grade as established by board rule; and

77 3. Meet eligibility requirements according to one of the
78 following criteria:

79 a. Has, within the 6 years immediately preceding the
80 filing of the application, at least 3 years of ~~years~~ proven
81 management experience in the trade or education equivalent
82 thereto, or a combination thereof, but not more than one-half of
83 such experience may be educational equivalent;

84 b. Has, within the 8 years immediately preceding the
85 filing of the application, at least 4 years of ~~years~~ experience
86 as a supervisor or contractor in the trade for which he or she
87 is making application, or at least 4 years of experience as a
88 supervisor in electrical or alarm system work with the United
89 States Armed Forces;

90 c. Has, within the 12 years immediately preceding the
91 filing of the application, at least 6 years of comprehensive

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92 training, technical education, or supervisory experience
93 associated with an electrical or alarm system contracting
94 business, or at least 6 years of technical experience,
95 education, or training in electrical or alarm system work with
96 the United States Armed Forces or a governmental entity;

97 d. Has, within the 12 years immediately preceding the
98 filing of the application, been licensed for 3 years as a
99 professional engineer who is qualified by education, training,
100 or experience to practice electrical engineering; or

101 e. Has any combination of qualifications under sub-
102 subparagraphs a.-c. totaling 6 years of experience.

103 Section 5. Section 489.5161, Florida Statutes, is created
104 to read:

105 489.5161 Credit for relevant military training and
106 education.-

107 (1) The department shall provide a method by which
108 honorably discharged veterans may apply for licensure. The
109 method must include a veteran-specific application and provide,
110 to the fullest extent possible, credit toward the requirements
111 for licensure for military experience, training, and education
112 received and completed during service in the United States Armed
113 Forces if the military experience, training, or education is
114 substantially similar to the experience, training, or education
115 required for licensure. The board may adopt rules pursuant to s.
116 120.536(1) and s. 120.54 to implement this subsection.

117 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning

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118 October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the department, in
119 conjunction with the board, is directed to prepare and submit a
120 report titled "Construction and Electrical Contracting Veteran
121 Applicant Statistics" to the Governor, the President of the
122 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
123 report shall include statistics and information relating to this
124 section and s. 489.1131 which detail:

125 (a) The number of applicants who identified themselves as
126 veterans.

127 (b) The number of veterans whose application for a license
128 was approved.

129 (c) The number of veterans whose application for a license
130 was denied, including data on the reasons for denial.

131 (d) Data on the application processing times for veterans.

132 (e) Recommendations on ways to improve the department's
133 ability to meet the needs of veterans which would effectively
134 address the challenges that veterans face when separating from
135 military service and seeking a license regulated by the
136 department pursuant to part II of chapter 489.

137 Section 6. Section 493.61035, Florida Statutes, is created
138 to read:

139 493.61035 Credit for relevant military training and
140 education.—

141 (1) The department shall provide a method by which
142 honorably discharged veterans may apply for licensure. The
143 method must include:

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144 (a) To the fullest extent possible, credit toward the
145 requirements for licensure for military training and education
146 received and completed during service in the United States Armed
147 Forces if the military training or education is substantially
148 similar to the training or education required for licensure.

149 (b) Identification of overlaps and gaps between the
150 requirements for licensure and the military training or
151 education received and completed by the veteran, and subsequent
152 notification to the veteran of the overlaps and gaps.

153 (c) Assistance in identifying programs that offer training
154 and education needed to meet the requirements for licensure.

155 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning
156 October 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, the department is
157 directed to prepare and submit a report to the Governor, the
158 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
159 Representatives. In addition to any other information that the
160 Legislature may require, the report must include statistics and
161 relevant information which detail:

162 (a) The number of applicants who identified themselves as
163 veterans.

164 (b) The number of veterans whose application for a license
165 was approved.

166 (c) The number of veterans whose application for a license
167 was denied, including the reasons for denial.

168 (d) Data on the application processing times for veterans.

169 (e) The department's efforts to assist veterans in

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170 identifying programs that offer training and education needed to
171 meet the requirements for licensure.

172 (f) The department's identification of the most common
173 overlaps and gaps between the requirements for licensure and the
174 military training and education received and completed by the
175 veterans.

176 (g) Recommendations on ways to improve the department's
177 ability to meet the needs of veterans which would effectively
178 address the challenges that veterans face when separating from
179 military service and seeking a license for a profession or
180 occupation regulated by the department pursuant to chapter 493.

181 Section 7. (1) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor
182 Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs shall jointly
183 conduct a pilot program to provide onsite commercial motor
184 vehicle driver license testing opportunities to qualified
185 members of the Florida National Guard pursuant to the Department
186 of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles commercial motor vehicle
187 driver license skills test waiver under s. 322.12, Florida
188 Statutes. Testing must be held at a Florida National Guard
189 Armory, a Florida United States Armed Forces Reserve Center, or
190 the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. The pilot program shall
191 be accomplished using existing funds appropriated to each
192 department.

193 (2) By June 30, 2017, the Department of Highway Safety and
194 Motor Vehicles and the Department of Military Affairs shall
195 jointly submit a report on the results of the pilot program to

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196 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
197 Representatives.

198 (3) This section is repealed October 1, 2017, and shall
199 not be codified in the Florida Statutes.

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Remove line 27 and insert:

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provisions; providing a penalty; amending s. 265.003,

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F.S.; defining the term "veteran" or "military

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veteran" for purposes of determining persons the

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Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Council may consider as

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nominees for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame;

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creating s. 489.1131, F.S.; directing the Department

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of Business and Professional Regulation to provide a

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method by which honorably discharged veterans may

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apply for construction contracting licensure;

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authorizing the Construction Industry Licensing Board

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to adopt rules; directing the department, in

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conjunction with the board, to annually prepare and

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submit a specified report to the Governor and

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Legislature; amending s. 489.511, F.S.; revising

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eligibility criteria for taking the electrical or

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alarm system contractor certification examination;

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creating s. 489.5161, F.S.; directing the Department

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of Business and Professional Regulation to provide a

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222 method by which honorably discharged veterans may
223 apply for electrical or alarm system contracting
224 licensure; authorizing the Electrical Contractors'
225 Licensing Board to adopt rules; directing the
226 department, in conjunction with the board, to annually
227 prepare and submit a specified report to the Governor
228 and Legislature; creating s. 493.61035, F.S.;;
229 directing the Department of Agriculture and Consumer
230 Services to provide a method by which honorably
231 discharged veterans may apply for private
232 investigative, private security, and repossession
233 services licensure; authorizing the department to
234 adopt rules; directing the department to annually
235 prepare and submit a specified report to the Governor
236 and Legislature; directing the Department of Highway
237 Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of
238 Military Affairs to conduct a commercial motor vehicle
239 driver license testing pilot program; specifying
240 testing locations and funding; requiring the
241 departments to submit a report to the Legislature by a
242 specified date; providing for repeal of the program;
243 creating the Military

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