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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to applying military education, training, and service credit to
2 occupational licensing and certain postsecondary education and employment training
3 requirements; and providing for a temporary occupational license for qualified military
4 service members."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 08.01 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 08.01.064. Military education, training, and service credit; temporary**
8 **license.** (a) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable
9 board shall accept relevant military education, training, and service as equivalent to
10 some or all of the qualifications otherwise required of an applicant for a license or
11 certificate issued under this chapter if the applicant provides satisfactory evidence of
12 successful completion of the education, training, or service as a member of the armed
13 forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any
14 state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

1 (b) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the department or applicable
2 board shall issue a license or certificate to a person who

3 (1) applies to the department or relevant board in a manner prescribed
4 by the department or board;

5 (2) if required by the department or appropriate board for obtaining a
6 license in the applicant's profession, has been fingerprinted and has provided the fees
7 required by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice
8 information and a national criminal history record check; the fingerprints and fees
9 shall be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety to obtain a report of criminal
10 justice information under AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under
11 AS 12.62.400;

12 (3) has not committed an act in any jurisdiction that would have
13 constituted grounds for the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license or certificate
14 to practice that occupation under this title at the time the act was committed;

15 (4) has not been disciplined by a licensing or credentialing entity in
16 any jurisdiction and is not the subject of an unresolved complaint, review procedure,
17 or disciplinary proceeding conducted by a licensing or credentialing entity in any
18 jurisdiction;

19 (5) pays any fees required under this title; and

20 (6) while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any
21 state, as described in (a) of this section,

22 (A) held a current license or certificate in another state, district,
23 or territory of the United States and has practiced in the area of the license; or

24 (B) met standards for an equivalent license or a certificate of
25 technical training established by a branch of the armed forces of the United
26 States or any state, as described in (a) of this section.

27 (c) The department or applicable board shall expedite the procedure for
28 issuance of a license or certificate under (b) of this section.

29 (d) A license or certificate issued under (b) of this section is valid for 180 days
30 and may be extended at the discretion of the department or applicable board for one
31 additional 180-day period if the license holder applies for an extension on a form

1 approved by the department or applicable board.

2 (e) The department or applicable board may adopt regulations necessary to
3 implement this section.

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.210 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) The president of the University of Alaska shall implement a policy and
6 procedure for the acceptance of academic credit toward a degree or technical program
7 offered by the university if an applicant provides satisfactory evidence of successful
8 completion of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the
9 armed forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of
10 any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.48.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (d) In addition to the minimum standards established under (b) of this section,
13 the commission shall develop and implement policies and procedures that require a
14 postsecondary educational institution to provide credit toward a degree or program for
15 a person enrolled in the postsecondary educational institution if the person provides
16 satisfactory evidence of successful completion of relevant military education, training,
17 or service as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the United States
18 Reserves, the National Guard of any state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the
19 Naval Militia of any state.

20 * **Sec. 4.** AS 23.15.820(a) is amended to read:

21 (a) The Alaska Workforce Investment Board shall

22 (1) administer the Alaska technical and vocational education program
23 established in AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850;

24 (2) facilitate the development of a statewide policy for a coordinated
25 and effective technical and vocational education training system in this state and, to
26 the extent authorized by federal and state law, plan and coordinate federal, state, and
27 local efforts in technical and vocational education programs;

28 (3) adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act)
29 to carry out the purposes of AS 23.15.820 - 23.15.850, including regulations that set
30 standards for the percentage of a grant that may be used for administrative costs; the
31 regulations must clearly identify and distinguish between expenses that may be

1 included in administrative costs and those that may not be included in administrative
2 costs; the percentage allowed for administrative costs may not exceed the lesser of five
3 percent or the amount permitted under the requirements of a federal program, if
4 applicable;

5 (4) administer the grant program under AS 23.15.840 and establish
6 grant administration requirements including accounting procedures that apply to
7 qualified entities and their grantees;

8 **(5) facilitate the development and implementation of a statewide**
9 **policy and procedure that provides for the acceptance of credit toward a degree**
10 **or technical program offered by a vocational or technical training center in the**
11 **state for an applicant who provides satisfactory evidence of successful completion**
12 **of relevant military education, training, or service as a member of the armed**
13 **forces of the United States, the United States Reserves, the National Guard of any**
14 **state, the Military Reserves of any state, or the Naval Militia of any state.**