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Raised Bill No. 5396

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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE MILITARY TRAINING EVALUATION
CONDUCTED BY THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 Any member of the armed forces or National Guard or any veteran,
4 within [two] five years of such veteran's discharge from the armed
5 forces, may submit an application for military training evaluation to the
6 Labor Department program of apprentice training set forth in section
7 31-22q. Such application shall include (1) evidence of satisfactory
8 completion of a program or course of instruction as part of military
9 training that is equivalent in content and quality to that required for a
10 specific trade in this state, and (2) if such applicant is a veteran, such
11 veteran's military discharge document or a certified copy thereof. The
12 Labor Commissioner shall evaluate any such application and determine
13 whether the applicant's military training may be substituted for all or
14 part of the term of an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor
15 Department for a specific trade. If the commissioner determines that the

16 applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
17 completion of such apprenticeship program, the commissioner shall
18 issue such applicant a recommendation for review by the appropriate
19 examining board established under section 20-331. Presentation of such
20 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, shall allow such applicant
21 to sit for any licensure examination without participation in an
22 apprenticeship program. If the commissioner determines that the
23 applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training required
24 for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's hours of
25 qualified military training, as determined by the commissioner, shall be
26 deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
27 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
28 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,
29 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department
30 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of
31 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the purposes of this
32 section, (i) "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released
33 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the
34 armed forces, (ii) "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in
35 section 27-103, and (iii) "military discharge document" has the same
36 meaning as provided in section 1-219.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	31-22u

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the time limit for veterans to apply to the Labor Department for a military training evaluation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]