



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6316

January Session, 2021



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EVALUATION OF MILITARY TRAINING
EVALUATION APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO 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 Section 31-22u of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2021*):

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, the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs and the
13 Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the commissioners'
14 designees, shall evaluate any such application and determine whether
15 the applicant's military training may be substituted for all or part of the
16 term of an apprenticeship program registered with the Labor
17 Department for a specific trade. If the [commissioner determines]

18 commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, jointly determine that
 19 the applicant's military training is equivalent to the training required for
 20 completion of such apprenticeship program, the [commissioner] Labor
 21 Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall issue such
 22 applicant a recommendation for review by the appropriate examining
 23 board established under section 20-331. Presentation of such
 24 recommendation, pursuant to section 20-333, shall allow such applicant
 25 to sit for any licensure examination without participation in an
 26 apprenticeship program. If the [commissioner determines]
 27 commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, jointly determine that
 28 the applicant's military training is equivalent to part of the training
 29 required for completion of an apprenticeship program, such applicant's
 30 hours of qualified military training, as determined jointly by the
 31 [commissioner] commissioners, or the commissioners' designees, shall
 32 be deducted from the hours of apprenticeship training required for the
 33 specific trade provided (A) such applicant completes the minimum
 34 number of hours of apprenticeship training required under federal law,
 35 and (B) prior to implementation of this provision, the Labor Department
 36 obtains concurrence with such provision from the federal office of
 37 apprenticeship pursuant to 29 CFR 29.13(b)(9). For the purposes of this
 38 section, (i) "veteran" means any person who was discharged or released
 39 under conditions other than dishonorable from active service in the
 40 armed forces, (ii) "armed forces" has the same meaning as provided in
 41 section 27-103, and (iii) "military discharge document" has the same
 42 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, 2021</i>	31-22u

VA *Joint Favorable Subst.*