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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced by:
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREDIT OF CERTAIN MILITARY
EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING TOWARD CERTAIN LICENSURE
REQUIREMENTS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 20-341e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (a) The Department of Public Health shall hold at least four
4 examinations each year, at such times and in such locations as may be
5 convenient. Notice of the time and place of each examination shall be
6 given in writing to each applicant at least ten days prior to the
7 examination. To obtain a license an applicant shall furnish such
8 evidence of competency as said department shall require. The applicant
9 shall satisfy said department that he or she has the requisite skill to
10 perform the work of a subsurface sewage disposal system installer or
11 cleaner and can comply with all other requirements of this chapter.
12 Upon application to said department for a license, the applicant shall
13 pay to said department a fee of fifty dollars for a subsurface sewage
14 disposal system installer license or twenty dollars for a subsurface

15 sewage disposal system cleaner license.

16 (b) A recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-22u
17 that is related to the competency and skills required under subsection
18 (a) of this section shall be sufficient evidence of the applicant's
19 competency, the requisite skill to perform the work of a subsurface
20 sewage disposal system installer or cleaner and to comply with all other
21 requirements of this chapter. The Department of Public Health shall
22 charge no fee to persons who present a recommendation for review.

23 (c) The applicant shall present himself or herself at the next regular
24 examination. The Department of Public Health shall conduct such
25 written, oral and practical examinations as it deems necessary to test the
26 knowledge of the applicant for a subsurface sewage disposal system
27 installer's license on sewage disposal system construction and
28 installation or to test the knowledge of the applicant for a subsurface
29 sewage disposal system cleaner on subsurface sewage disposal system
30 cleaning and servicing. When an applicant has qualified for a license,
31 the department shall issue to such person a license entitling him or her
32 to engage in the work or occupation of subsurface sewage disposal
33 system installer or subsurface sewage disposal system cleaner until the
34 date for renewal under section 19a-88. All fees collected by said
35 department shall be promptly transmitted to the State Treasurer.

36 Sec. 2. Section 20-360 of the general statutes is repealed and the
37 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

38 Applications for licensure shall be on forms prescribed by the
39 commissioner. The licensure fee for a sanitarian shall be eighty dollars
40 for initial licensure, except that such fee shall be waived for persons who
41 present a recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-22u.
42 Each license shall be renewed annually in accordance with the
43 provisions of section 19a-88. The fee for license renewal shall be forty
44 dollars.

45 Sec. 3. Section 20-361 of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

47 (a) Except as provided in section 20-365 or subsection (b) of this
48 section, no person shall be licensed as a sanitarian who does not prove
49 to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such person holds a degree
50 from an accredited college or university following four years of study
51 and has two years of full-time experience, or the equivalent, in the field
52 of environmental health acceptable to the commissioner. An applicant
53 who successfully completes a special training course in environmental
54 health approved by the commissioner may substitute such course for six
55 months of such required experience in the field of environmental health.
56 The applicant shall also be required to pass a written or oral examination
57 in the science of environmental health as determined by the
58 commissioner. An applicant for licensure shall not be required to be
59 licensed while completing the work experience requirements of this
60 section, provided, on and after January 1, 1998, such experience shall be
61 completed under the supervision of a sanitarian licensed pursuant to
62 this chapter or licensed, certified or registered in the jurisdiction in
63 which such experience was completed.

64 (b) A recommendation for review issued pursuant to section 31-22u
65 that is related to the field of environmental health may be substituted,
66 in whole or in part, as determined by the commissioner, in lieu of the
67 requirements under subparagraph (a) of this section.

68 Sec. 4. Section 22a-238 of the general statutes is repealed and the
69 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

70 (a) Any municipality where a resources recovery facility is located or
71 any group of municipalities participating in a resources recovery facility
72 may appoint an inspector for such facility. Such inspector shall meet the
73 qualifications for inspectors of resources recovery facilities established
74 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

75 (b) The commissioner shall, by regulations adopted in accordance
76 with chapter 54, establish qualifications for inspectors and operators of
77 resources recovery facilities. The provisions of this section shall not be
78 construed to limit the authority of the Commissioner of Energy and

79 Environmental Protection under the provisions of sections 22a-6a, 22a-
80 6b, 22a-176, 22a-190 to 22a-193, inclusive, and 22a-231 to 22a-239a,
81 inclusive, or any other environmental statute or regulation adopted
82 thereunder. A recommendation for review issued pursuant to section
83 31-22u that is related to the qualifications required by regulations
84 adopted pursuant to this section shall be sufficient to demonstrate such
85 qualifications.

86 Sec. 5. Subsection (d) of section 22a-416 of the general statutes is
87 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
88 *2020*):

89 (d) (1) As used in this section the terms "class I", "class II", "class III"
90 and "class IV" mean the classifications of wastewater treatment plants
91 provided for in regulations adopted by the Department of Energy and
92 Environmental Protection. The Commissioner of Energy and
93 Environmental Protection may establish requirements for the presence
94 of approved operators at pollution abatement facilities. Applicants for
95 class I and class II certificates shall only be required to pass the relevant
96 standardized national examination prepared by the Association of
97 Boards of Certification for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators.
98 Applicants for class III and class IV certificates shall only be required to
99 pass the relevant standardized national examination prepared by the
100 Association of Boards of Certification for Wastewater Treatment Facility
101 Operators supplemented with additional questions submitted by the
102 commissioner to such board. Operators with certificates issued by the
103 commissioner prior to May 16, 1995, shall not be required to be
104 reexamined. The commissioner shall administer and proctor the
105 examination of all applicants.

106 (2) The qualifications of the operators at such facilities shall be subject
107 to the approval of the commissioner. A recommendation for review
108 pursuant to section 31-22u that is related to the qualifications required
109 for a wastewater treatment facility operator shall be deemed to satisfy
110 such qualifications, provided such operator is in compliance with
111 subdivision (1) of this subsection.

112 (3) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 113 provisions of chapter 54, requiring all operators at pollution abatement
 114 facilities to satisfactorily complete, on a regular basis, a state-certified
 115 training course, which may include training on the type of municipal
 116 pollution abatement facility at which the operator is employed and
 117 training concerning regulations promulgated during the preceding
 118 year. Any applicant for certification who passed either the examination
 119 prepared and administered on December 8, 1994, by the commissioner
 120 or the examination prepared by the Association of Boards of
 121 Certification for Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators and
 122 administered on December 8, 1994, by the commissioner shall be issued
 123 the appropriate certificate in accordance with the regulations adopted
 124 under this section. On and after October 1, 2018, each certified operator
 125 shall obtain not less than six hours of continuing education each year. A
 126 record of such continuing education shall be maintained by the certified
 127 operator and by the facility employing the operator and shall be made
 128 available for inspection upon request by the commissioner.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | 20-341e |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | 20-360 |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | 20-361 |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | 22a-238 |
| Sec. 5 | <i>July 1, 2020</i> | 22a-416(d) |

Statement of Purpose:

To credit military experience and training in water or wastewater operations toward the requirements for licensure in certain occupations.

[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.]