

1 AN ACT relating to occupational licensure for military service members and  
2 veterans.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 12 IS CREATED TO  
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) As used in this section, "administrative body" has the same meaning as in KRS*  
7 *12.010.*

8 *(2) Each administrative body that issues a license, permit, certificate, or other*  
9 *document that is required to operate within any business, profession, or*  
10 *occupation in the Commonwealth may issue a license, permit, certificate, or other*  
11 *document, or a temporary license, permit, certificate, or other document to a*  
12 *United States military service member or veteran who is seeking a license, permit,*  
13 *certificate, or other document under this section and has:*

14 *(a) Separated from the military with an honorable discharge, discharge under*  
15 *honorable conditions, or a general discharge under honorable conditions*  
16 *within two (2) years preceding the date of applying for the license, permit,*  
17 *certificate, or other document;*

18 *(b) Received training, education, or experience during active, National Guard,*  
19 *or federal reserve military service to the extent that such training,*  
20 *education, or experience satisfies the requirements established by law and*  
21 *administrative regulations of the respective board for the issuance of any*  
22 *license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or*  
23 *denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or*  
24 *occupation in the Commonwealth; and*

25 *(c) Submitted his or her DD214 form or other proof of satisfactory completion*  
26 *of military training to the administrative body as part of the license or*  
27 *certificate application.*

- 1 (3) Nothing in subsection (2) of this section shall require an administrative body to  
2 issue a license, permit, certificate, or other document if the administrative body  
3 determines that the military training or experience does not meet the  
4 requirements established by the administrative body for the issuance of a license,  
5 permit, certificate, or other document to operate within a business, profession, or  
6 occupation in the Commonwealth.
- 7 (4) Administrative bodies that receive multiple requests under this section are  
8 directed to publish clear guidelines to clarify requirements. These guidelines may  
9 be published electronically, in print, or by the promulgation of administrative  
10 regulations.
- 11 (5) Military training and experience submitted under subsection (2) of this section  
12 shall not be used as a substitute or in lieu of:
- 13 (a) A postsecondary school degree when a degree is a prerequisite for a license,  
14 permit, certificate, or other document; or
- 15 (b) A specified examination when passage of an examination is a prerequisite  
16 for a license, permit, certificate, or other document.