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Introduced by M. of A. KATZ -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to streamlining articulation between military and civilian professional careers within New York state

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 6505-c of the education law, as added by chapter
2 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 6505-c. Articulation between military and civilian professional
4 careers. 1. The commissioner shall [develop, jointly with the director
5 of the division of veterans' affairs, a program to facilitate articulation
6 between participation in the] ACCEPT ANY APPROPRIATE AND
7 APPROVED MILITARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS DURING
8 military service [of] TO the United States [or the military service of
9 the state and] TOWARDS admission to practice of a profession. [The
10 commissioner and the director shall identify, review and evaluate
11 professional training programs offered through either the military
12 service of the United States or the military service of the state which
13 may, where applicable, be accepted by the department as equivalent
14 education and training in lieu of all or part of an approved program.
15 Particular emphasis shall be placed on the identification of military
16 programs which have previously been deemed acceptable by the department
17 as equivalent education and training, programs which may provide, where
18 applicable, equivalent education and training for those professions
19 which are critical to public health and safety and programs which may
20 provide, where applicable, equivalent education and training for those
21 professions for which shortages exist in the state of New York] APPRO-
22 PRIATE AND APPROVED EDUCATION OR TRAINING SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE
23 DEPARTMENT AS EQUIVALENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN LIEU OF ALL OR PART

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 OF ANY PROGRAM AND SHALL BE ACCEPTED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH TRAINING
2 WAS RECEIVED AS PART OF ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE DUTY.

3 2. The commissioner [and the director shall prepare a list of those
4 military programs which have previously been deemed acceptable by the
5 department as equivalent education and training in lieu of all or part
6 of an approved program no later than the thirtieth of August, two thou-
7 sand three. On and after such date, such list shall be made available to
8 the public and applicants for admission to practice of a profession]
9 SHALL AUTOMATICALLY GRANT A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO ANY RESERVE MEMBER
10 WHOSE PROFESSIONAL LICENSE EXPIRED OR LAPSED WHILE SUCH MEMBER WAS MOBI-
11 LIZED. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH AUTOMATIC EXTENSION THE RESERVE MEMBER
12 SHALL HAVE BEEN IN GOOD STANDING WITHIN THE PROFESSION AND HAD A VALID
13 LICENSE WHICH EXPIRED OR LAPSED WHILE SUCH INDIVIDUAL WAS MOBILIZED.

14 3. The commissioner [and the director shall prepare a list of those
15 military programs which may provide, where applicable, equivalent educa-
16 tion and training for those professions which are critical to public
17 health and safety, programs which may provide, where applicable, equiv-
18 alent education and training for those professions for which shortages
19 exist in the state of New York and any other military programs which
20 may, where applicable, be accepted by the department as equivalent
21 education and training in lieu of all or part of an approved program no
22 later than the thirty-first of October, two thousand three. On and after
23 such date, such list shall be made available to the public and appli-
24 cants for admission to practice of a profession] SHALL IN THE CASE OF
25 SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE PASSED ANY NATIONAL COUNCIL LICEN-
26 SURE EXAMINATION, UPON APPLICATION, ACCEPT, RECOGNIZE AND GRANT SUCH
27 APPLICANT NEW YORK STATE LICENSURE IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS
28 UNDER THE LAW. IN THE CASE OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS WHO HAVE NOT
29 PASSED OR TAKEN A NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION, BUT WHO HAVE
30 PERFORMED IN SUCH OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AT A LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO, OR
31 EXCEEDING, THE ACADEMIC OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSION,
32 OR HAVE ENGAGED IN ACTIVE PRACTICE OF THE OCCUPATION FOR A PERIOD OF
33 FOUR YEARS THE COMMISSION SHALL, UPON APPLICATION, ALLOW SUCH INDIVIDUAL
34 TO SIT FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND ACCEPT, RECOG-
35 NIZE, AND GRANT PASSING CANDIDATES NEW YORK STATE LICENSURE EVEN IF SUCH
36 CANDIDATE HAS NOT GRADUATED FROM AN ACADEMIC PROGRAM.

37 4. [Such lists shall be prepared annually no later than the thirtieth
38 of June thereafter with additions and deletions made jointly by the
39 commissioner and the director and made available to the public and
40 applicants for admission to practice of a profession on such date] THE
41 COMMISSIONER SHALL, UPON APPLICATION, IN THE CASE OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND
42 VETERANS WHO HAVE RECEIVED APPROPRIATE AND APPROVED MILITARY MEDICAL
43 TRAINING ACCEPT, RECOGNIZE AND GRANT A NEW YORK STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
44 TECHNICIAN LICENSE TO ANY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.

45 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.