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DiPIETRO, FINCH, GIGLIO, HAWLEY, STEC, TENNEY -- 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 between participation in the] ACCEPT ANY APPROPRIATE AND  
6     APPROVED MILITARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS DURING  
7     military service [of] TO the United States [or the military service of  
8     the state and] TOWARDS admission to practice of a profession. [The  
9     commissioner and the director shall identify, review and evaluate  
10    professional training programs offered through either the military  
11    service of the United States or the military service of the state which  
12    may, where applicable, be accepted by the department as equivalent  
13    education and training in lieu of all or part of an approved program.  
14    Particular emphasis shall be placed on the identification of military  
15    programs which have previously been deemed acceptable by the department  
16    as equivalent education and training, programs which may provide, where  
17    applicable, equivalent education and training for those professions  
18    which are critical to public health and safety and programs which may  
19    provide, where applicable, equivalent education and training for those  
20    professions for which shortages exist in the state of New York] APPRO-  
21    PRIATE AND APPROVED EDUCATION OR TRAINING SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE  
22    DEPARTMENT AS EQUIVALENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN LIEU OF ALL OR PART  
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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.