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Introduced by M. of A. KATZ -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CROUCH, 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:

Section 1. Section 6505-c of the education law, as added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

S 6505-c. Articulation between military and civilian professional careers. 1. The commissioner shall [develop, jointly with the director of the division of veterans' affairs, a program to facilitate articulation between participation in the] ACCEPT ANY APPROPRIATE AND APPROVED MILITARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING RECEIVED BY INDIVIDUALS DURING military service [of] TO the United States [or the military service of the state and] TOWARDS admission to practice of a profession. [The commissioner and the director shall identify, review and evaluate professional training programs offered through either the military service of the United States or the military service of the state which may, where applicable, be accepted by the department as equivalent education and training in lieu of all or part of an approved program. Particular emphasis shall be placed on the identification of military programs which have previously been deemed acceptable by the department as equivalent education and training, programs which may provide, where applicable, equivalent education and training for those professions which are critical to public health and safety and programs which may provide, where applicable, equivalent education and training for those professions for which shortages exist in the state of New York] APPROPRIATE AND APPROVED EDUCATION OR TRAINING SHALL BE ACCEPTED BY THE 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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OF ANY PROGRAM AND SHALL BE ACCEPTED REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH TRAINING WAS RECEIVED AS PART OF ACTIVE DUTY OR RESERVE DUTY.

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

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

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

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.