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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 555

Introduced by Assembly Member Salas

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Section 35 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 555, as amended, Salas. Professions and vocations: military and veterans.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and ~~vocations~~ vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law requires these boards to adopt rules and regulations to provide for methods of evaluating education, training, and experience obtained in the armed services, if applicable to the requirements of the business, occupation, or profession regulated, and to specify how this education, training, and experience may be used to meet the licensure requirements for the particular business, occupation, or profession regulated.

This bill would ~~state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would streamline the licensure process of various professions and vocations for veterans and members of the military separating from service.~~ require a board to consider any relevant training an applicant for a license received while serving in the armed services of the United States for purposes of satisfying the requirements for a license, if applicable to the requirements for the particular business, occupation, or profession regulated by the board. This bill would also authorize a board to consult with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the

Military Department when evaluating whether training acquired during service in the armed services of the United States is applicable to requirements for the license an applicant seeks.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
 State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 35 of the Business and Professions Code*
 2 *is amended to read:*

3 35. (a) It is the policy of this state that, consistent with the
 4 provision of high-quality services, persons with skills, knowledge,
 5 and experience obtained in the armed services of the United States
 6 should be permitted to apply this learning and contribute to the
 7 employment needs of the state at the maximum level of
 8 responsibility and skill for which they are qualified. To this end,
 9 rules and regulations of boards provided for in this code shall
 10 provide for methods of evaluating education, training, and
 11 experience obtained in the armed services, if applicable to the
 12 requirements of the business, occupation, or profession regulated.
 13 These rules and regulations shall also specify how this education,
 14 training, and experience may be used to meet the licensure
 15 requirements for the particular business, occupation, or profession
 16 regulated. Each board shall consult with the Department of
 17 Veterans Affairs and the Military Department before adopting
 18 these rules and regulations. Each board shall perform the duties
 19 required by this section within existing budgetary resources of the
 20 agency within which the board operates.

21 (b) *A board provided for in this code shall consider, and may*
 22 *accept, any relevant training an applicant for a license received*
 23 *while serving in the armed services of the United States for*
 24 *purposes of satisfying the requirements for a license, if applicable*
 25 *to the requirements for the particular business, occupation, or*
 26 *profession regulated by the board. A board may consult with the*
 27 *Department of Veterans Affairs and the Military Department when*
 28 *evaluating whether training acquired during service in the armed*
 29 *services of the United States is applicable to requirements for the*
 30 *license an applicant seeks.*

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