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SENATE BILL

No. 1155

Introduced by Senator Morrell

February 18, 2016

An act to add Section 114.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1155, as amended, Morrell. Professions and vocations: licenses: military service.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various professions and vocations by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law authorizes any licensee whose license expired while he or she was on active duty as a member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces to reinstate his or her license without examination or penalty if certain requirements are met. Existing law also requires the boards to waive the renewal fees, continuing education requirements, and other renewal requirements, if applicable, of any licensee or registrant called to active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces or the California National Guard, if certain requirements are met. Existing law requires each board to inquire in every application if the individual applying for licensure is serving in, or has previously served in, the military. Existing law, on and after July 1, 2016, requires a board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to expedite, and authorizes a board to assist, the initial licensure

process for an applicant who has served as an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged.

This bill, on and after January 1, 2018, would require every board within the Department of Consumer Affairs to grant a fee waiver for the application for and the issuance of an initial license to ~~an individual who is an honorably discharged veteran~~ *an applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence, as defined, to the board that the applicant has served as an active duty member of the California National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was honorably discharged*. The bill would require that a veteran be granted only one fee waiver, except as specified.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 114.6 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 114.6. (a) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
4 every board within the department shall grant a fee waiver for the
5 application for and issuance of an initial license to ~~an individual~~
6 ~~who is an honorably discharged veteran who served as an active~~
7 ~~duty member of the California National Guard or the United States~~
8 ~~Armed Forces. Under this program, all of the following apply: an~~
9 ~~applicant who supplies satisfactory evidence to the board that the~~
10 ~~applicant has served as an active duty member of the California~~
11 ~~National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and was~~
12 ~~honorably discharged.~~

13 (2) For purposes of this section, “satisfactory evidence” means
14 a completed “Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active
15 Duty” (DD Form 214).

16 (b) Under this program, all of the following apply:

17 (a)

18 (1) A veteran shall be granted only one fee waiver, except as
19 specified in ~~subdivision (b)~~ *paragraph (2)*. After a fee waiver has
20 been issued by any board within the department pursuant to this
21 section, the veteran is no longer eligible for a waiver.

22 (b)

1 (2) If a board charges a fee for the application for a license and
2 another fee for the issuance of a license, the veteran shall be granted
3 fee waivers for both the application for and issuance of a license.

4 ~~(e)~~

5 (3) The fee waiver shall apply only to an application of and a
6 license issued to an individual veteran and not to an application
7 of or a license issued to an individual veteran on behalf of a
8 business or other entity.

9 ~~(d)~~

10 (4) A waiver shall not be issued for any of the following:

11 ~~(1)~~

12 (A) Renewal of a license.

13 ~~(2)~~

14 (B) The application for and issuance of an additional license, a
15 certificate, a registration, or a permit associated with the initial
16 license.

17 ~~(3)~~

18 (C) The application for an examination.

19 ~~(e)~~

20 (c) This section shall become operative on January 1, 2018.