

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 83

BY SENATOR PEACOCK

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Requests occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions to display prominently on their websites a link to licensing information for military-trained applicants and their family members.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions to
3 display prominently on their website a link to licensing information for military-
4 trained applicants and their family members.

5 WHEREAS, hundreds of military-trained individuals transition out of military
6 service each year from Louisiana military bases, including Barksdale Air Force Base, Fort
7 Polk Army Base, the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Belle Chasse, and the
8 Louisiana National Guard's Camp Beauregard near Alexandria; and

9 WHEREAS, these outgoing military personnel may be trained plumbers, electricians,
10 occupational therapists, nurses, medics, and may include other medical and non-medical
11 Military Occupational Specialities; and

12 WHEREAS, these military personnel often need civilian employment to support
13 themselves and their families, but frequently encounter difficulty in translating their military
14 license, certifications, and experience into comparable occupational and professional
15 licenses or certifications; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 37:3651, which requires
17 occupational and professional licensing boards and commissions to issue a license to
18 military-trained applicants when the Military Occupational Specialty they performed "is

1 substantially equivalent to or exceeds the educational, examination, experience, and other
2 requirements for licensing"; and

3 WHEREAS, R.S. 37:3651 provides that a professional or occupational licensing
4 board shall issue a license, certification, or registration to a military spouse to allow the
5 spouse to lawfully practice his occupation in this state, if, upon application to a board or
6 commission, the military spouse satisfies certain conditions; and

7 WHEREAS, even with the enactment of R.S. 37:3651, military personnel and their
8 family members experience difficulties in obtaining a license to practice their occupation
9 lawfully in Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, most occupational and professional boards and commissions maintain
11 a wealth of information on their websites, including information relevant to applicants,
12 licensees, and certificate holders; laws and rules governing the occupation or profession; and
13 a list of licensees and certificate holders; and

14 WHEREAS, a link on the board or commission's website that includes information
15 pertinent to military-trained applicants and their family members would be a valuable
16 resource for such applicants to begin the process to obtain a license or certificate to practice
17 the occupation lawfully in Louisiana.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 urge and request every occupational and professional board and commission in this state to
20 display prominently on their website a link to licensing information for military-trained
21 applicants and their family members.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 office of the governor to be made available to each board and commission governed by the
24 provisions of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michelle Ridge.

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