HOUSE BILL No. 1486

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-230.5; IC 16-31-11.

Synopsis: Military trained emergency medical providers. Provides that the emergency medical services commission (commission) shall issue a license or certificate to a military service applicant who meets certain requirements. Allows the commission to issue a temporary practice certificate or provisional license while the military service applicant is satisfying certain requirements as determined by the commission.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type.~~

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~*this style type*~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2012 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-230.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 230.5. "Military service applicant", for purposes of IC 16-31-11, has the meaning set forth in IC 16-31-11-1.**

SECTION 2. IC 16-31-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]:

Chapter 11. Licensure of Individuals with Military Training

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "military service applicant" means an applicant for licensure or certification under this article who has performed service as an active member of any of the following:

(1) The armed forces of the United States.

(2) A reserve component of the armed forces of the United States.

(3) The National Guard.

Sec. 2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the commission shall issue a license or certificate to a military service applicant to allow the applicant to provide emergency medical services in Indiana if, upon application to the commission, the applicant satisfies the following conditions:

(1) Has:

(A) completed a military program of training;

(B) been awarded a military occupational specialty; and

(C) performed in that occupational specialty;

at a level that is substantially equivalent to or exceeds the academic or experience requirements for the license or certificate the applicant is seeking from the commission.

(2) Has engaged in the active practice of the occupation for which the applicant is seeking licensure or certification for at least two (2) of the five (5) years preceding the date of the application under this section.

(3) Has not committed any act in any jurisdiction that would have constituted grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license or certificate to provide emergency medical services in Indiana at the time the act was committed.

(b) The commission shall waive the fee for the applicant's initial licensure or certification.

Sec. 3. (a) All relevant experience of a military service applicant in the discharge of the applicant's official duties while performing service described in section 1 of this chapter must be credited in the calculation of the number of years the applicant has provided emergency medical services for purposes of section 2 of this chapter.

(b) In determining if a military service applicant substantially meets the academic requirements for a license or certificate issued by the commission, the commission shall consider the recommendations in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services published by the American Council on Education or the council's successor organization.

Sec. 4. A nonresident who is issued a license or certificate under this chapter is entitled to the same rights and subject to the same obligations as required of a resident who is issued a license or certificate by the commission.

Sec. 5. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the commission may issue a temporary practice certificate or provisional license to a military service applicant while the military service applicant is satisfying certain requirements, as determined

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by the commission, for a license or certificate under section 2 of this chapter.

(b) The military service applicant may practice under a temporary practice certificate or provisional license issued under subsection (a) until:

(1) a license or certification is granted or denied by the commission;

(2) the temporary certificate expires; or

(3) the military service applicant fails to comply with the terms of the temporary practice certificate or provisional license.

Sec. 6. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to implement this chapter.

Sec. 7. This chapter does not prohibit a military service applicant from proceeding under the licensure or certification requirements established by the commission under the other provisions of this article.

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