
Health Care & Wellness Committee

HB 1417

Brief Description: Concerning evaluating military training and experience toward meeting licensing requirements in medical professions.

Sponsors: Representatives Rolfes, McCune, Appleton, Kirby, Zeiger, Seaquist, Kelley, Finn, Haigh, Dammeier, Angel, Jinkins, Stanford, Smith and Shea.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the development of a process to evaluate military training and experience that may be applied toward meeting training and educational requirements for certain health professions.

Hearing Date: 1/31/11

Staff: Jim Morishima (786-7191).

Background:

The Department of Health (DOH) and various boards and commissions regulate a variety of health professions. Each profession is subject to its own unique credentialing standards such as education, clinical training, and the passage of examinations.

When an applicant with military experience applies for a credential, the DOH and the boards and commissions may, depending on the circumstances, count military training and experience toward the requirements for credentialing. Whether military training will be counted toward the credentialing requirements depends on a variety of factors, including the requirements for credentialing, the military training and experience at issue, and the statutory authority of the DOH, board, or commission with respect to the profession.

Summary of Bill:

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The DOH or the Secretary of Health must develop a process to evaluate military training and experience that may be applied toward meeting the training and educational requirements for the following professions:

- Dental Hygienists;
- Dispensing Opticians;
- Ocularists;
- Pharmacy Assistants;
- Physician Assistants;
- Emergency Medical Technicians;
- Nurses;
- Radiologic Technologists;
- Nursing Assistants;
- Respiratory Care Practitioners;
- Health Care Assistants;
- Surgical Technologists;
- Dental Assistants; and
- Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.