
Business & Financial Services Committee

HB 1418

Brief Description: Concerning evaluating military training and experience toward meeting certain professional licensing requirements.

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

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Department of Licensing and the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to develop a process to evaluate military training and experience that may be applied toward meeting the training and educational requirements for licensing of certain professions.

Hearing Date: 1/27/11

Staff: Alison Hellberg (786-7152).

Background:

The Department of Licensing (Department) regulates certain businesses and professions. Each regulated business and profession has a separate set of laws. Some businesses and professions, such as cosmetologists and security guards, are under the authority of the Director of the Department (Director) and others, such as architects and engineers, are under a board or commission charged with regulating the particular business or profession.

Cosmetology, Barbering, Esthetics, and Manicuring.

The Department regulates cosmetology, barbering, manicuring, and esthetics. A person must be licensed to practice these professions. In order to be licensed, an applicant must complete the required education and successfully pass an examination. Applicants may complete the education requirements either by graduating from a school licensed by the Department or by completing a state-approved apprenticeship program.

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Minimum training hours at a school consist of:

- Cosmetologist, 1,600 hours;
- Barber, 1,000 hours;
- Manicurist, 600 hours;
- Esthetician, 600 hours and;
- Instructor-trainee, 500 hours.

Minimum training hours in an apprenticeship program consist of:

- Cosmetologist, 2,000 hours;
- Barber, 1,200 hours;
- Manicurist, 800 hours; and
- Esthetician, 800 hours.

Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Engineers and land surveyors must be registered by Board of Registration for Engineers and Land Surveyors (Board) in order to practice engineering or land surveying in Washington. Candidates for registration as an engineer or land surveyor must have eight years of appropriate work experience and must have successfully passed the required examinations. Applicants may substitute undergraduate study in an approved engineering or land surveying school or college for up to four years of the work experience requirements. The Board may also approve up to one year of appropriate postgraduate study.

Security Guards.

Security guards are licensed by the Department and must satisfy training requirements established by the Director in order to be licensed.

Summary of Bill:

The Department must develop a process to evaluate military training and experience that may be applied toward meeting the training and educational requirements for cosmetologists, barbers, manicurists, estheticians, instructor-trainees, and security guards. The Board must develop a process to evaluate military training and experience that may be applied toward meeting the training and educational requirements for engineers and land surveyors.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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