

1 AN ACT relating to occupational licensure for military service members and
2 veterans.

3 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 12 IS CREATED TO
5 READ AS FOLLOWS:

6 *(1) As used in this section, "administrative body" has the same meaning as in KRS*
7 *12.010.*

8 *(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, every administrative body that*
9 *issues a license or certificate that is required to operate within a profession in the*
10 *Commonwealth shall issue a license, certificate, or temporary license or*
11 *certificate to a military service member or veteran who is seeking licensure or*
12 *certification under this section and has:*

13 *(a) Separated from the military with an honorable discharge, discharge under*
14 *honorable conditions, or general discharge under honorable conditions*
15 *within two (2) years preceding the date of the license or certificate*
16 *application;*

17 *(b) Received training during military service that could reasonably be expected*
18 *to provide the experience and skills necessary for licensure or certification*
19 *in a profession within the Commonwealth; and*

20 *(c) Submitted his or her DD 214 or other proof of military training to the*
21 *administrative body as part of the license or certificate application.*

22 *(3) (a) Nothing in subsection (2) of this section requires an administrative body to*
23 *issue a license or certificate if, within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the*
24 *application, the administrative body determines that the military training or*
25 *experience is not substantially equivalent to the standards of this state.*

26 *(b) Determinations by an administrative body about the nonequivalence of*
27 *military training under paragraph (a) of this subsection may be appealed by*

- 1 the applicant to the administrative body that made the determination.
- 2 (c) Rulings of the administrative body under paragraph (b) of this subsection
3 may be appealed to the Circuit Court with jurisdiction over the residence of
4 the appellant, or the Franklin Circuit Court if the appellant resides out-of-
5 state, in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.
- 6 (4) Each administrative body that issues a license or certificate that is required to
7 operate within a profession in the Commonwealth shall promulgate
8 administrative regulations to carry out this section.
- 9 (5) Military training and experience submitted under subsection (2) of this section
10 shall not be used as a substitute or in lieu of:
- 11 (a) A college degree when a degree is a prerequisite for licensure or
12 certification; or
- 13 (b) A specified examination when passage of an examination is a prerequisite
14 for licensure or certification.