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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2077

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2077, as amended, would enact new law and amend existing requirements for licensing bodies and licensure for military service members.

The bill would:

- Define “applicant” as “a person who entered into military service and separated from such military service with an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions”;
- Define “licensing body” and “military service”;
- Require a licensing body to accept from an applicant with an honorable discharge the education, training, or service completed in military service toward any educational requirements for certification or licensure;
- Require the education, training, or service completed in the military to be substantially equivalent to the existing educational requirement of such licensure or certification;
- Allow the licensing body to require documentation related to the education, training, or service;

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- Allow a licensing board to accept education, training, or service if a person was separated from military service with a general discharge under honorable conditions;
- Establish new definitions and amend existing definitions;
- Allow a licensing body to issue a temporary permit so the military service member may lawfully practice their occupation when the military service member's current license is not equivalent to the standards of the licensing body. During this time, the military service member would complete any necessary requirements; and
- Allow a licensing board to grant certification, licensure, or a temporary permit to any person who meets the necessary requirements and was separated from military service under honorable conditions (general) discharge.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. At the House Committee hearing, testimony in support of the bill was provided by the U.S. Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy, the American Legion Department of Kansas, and the Kaw Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. Neutral testimony was provided by the the Kansas Board of Healing Arts and the Kansas Real Estate Commission.

The House Committee amended the bill to include several technical changes, as well as adding language relating to the education, training, and service requirements.

The Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs amended the bill to add "discharge under honorable

conditions” to the definition of “applicant,” to make the necessary clarifications regarding the licensing process for those with an honorable discharge and those with a general discharge under honorable conditions, and to insert technical amendments.

The fiscal note, as provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, indicates passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact as many of the licensing bodies currently allow reciprocity for licensure.