

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
Date _____	20 _____
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<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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<b>By Hon.</b> _____	

## A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the licensing boards and commissions under the Department  
2 of State to review how military education and training may  
3 partially or completely fulfill licensure requirements and to  
4 develop suggested pathways to licensure for active duty  
5 military and veterans.

6 WHEREAS, The Department of State, Bureau of Professional and  
7 Occupational Affairs, oversees 29 licensing boards and  
8 commissions that together license more than 1 million  
9 Pennsylvanians; and

10 WHEREAS, There are more than 800,000 veterans living in  
11 Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, About 57% of veterans across the United States have  
13 difficulty adjusting to civilian life and 80% do not have a job  
14 when they leave the military; and

15 WHEREAS, Organizations, including the National Conference of  
16 State Legislatures and the United States Department of Labor,  
17 report that veterans who have training and experience in areas  
18 related to civilian licensure often find that institutions of  
19 higher education and licensing boards may not recognize official

1 documentation of military training and experience; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the past few years, several states, including  
3 Oklahoma, New York, Maine, Rhode Island and Vermont, have  
4 considered and enacted legislation to require licensing boards,  
5 under appropriate circumstances, to accept and recognize  
6 military training and experience toward licensure requirements  
7 in related occupations; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania should be a national leader in the  
9 effort to ease the transition between military and civilian  
10 life; and

11 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives recognizes its role in  
12 promoting family-sustaining employment for our brave veterans  
13 who have put their lives on the line to serve our Commonwealth  
14 and our country; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge each of the  
16 licensing boards and commissions under the Department of State,  
17 Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, to review how  
18 military education and training may partially or completely  
19 fulfill licensure requirements, develop suggested pathways to  
20 licensure for veterans and otherwise encourage licensure among  
21 veterans in this Commonwealth; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the licensing boards and commissions under the  
23 Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational  
24 Affairs, be urged to consult and collaborate with the Department  
25 of Defense and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
26 in reviewing how military education and training may partially  
27 or completely fulfill licensure requirements, developing  
28 suggested pathways to licensure for veterans and otherwise  
29 encouraging licensure among veterans in this Commonwealth.