

1-1 By: Geren, Guillen, Clardy H.B. No. 2254
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013;
1-4 April 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 9, 2013, reported
1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent
1-7 to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Van de Putte			X	
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Campbell	X			
1-13	Davis	X			
1-14	Rodriguez	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to apprenticeship requirements for occupational licenses
1-18 issued to applicants with military experience.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is
1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 55. LICENSE FOR ~~[WHILE ON]~~ MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR ~~[DUTY~~
1-23 ~~AND FOR]~~ MILITARY SPOUSE

1-24 SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
1-25 adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 55.005. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT
1-27 WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an
1-28 apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by a
1-29 state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military
1-30 service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation
1-31 toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.

1-32 (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to
1-33 implement this section.

1-34 SECTION 3. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by
1-35 this Act, applies only to an application for an occupational
1-36 license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license
1-37 filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect
1-38 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
1-39 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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