2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Requests the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to study employment practices and professional licensing requirements to benefit veterans in the workforce

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION		
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department		
3	of Veterans Affairs to study employment practices and policies as well as various		
4	professional licensing requirements to benefit veterans in the workforce and repo		
5	their findings to the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the		
6	Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by February 15, 2018.		
7	WHEREAS, in the course of pursuing the basic mission of national defense, our		
8	nation's armed forces produce significant benefits to the economy including the support of		
9	scientific research, infrastructure development, and investment in human capital through		
10	extensive personnel training; and		
11	WHEREAS, as of March 2017, there were more than one million, two hundred		
12	thousand members of the military on active duty and more than eight hundred thousand on		
13	reserve serving the United States of America in our country and around the world; and		
14	WHEREAS, annually, nationwide, approximately two hundred thousand veterans		
15	leave the armed forces; and		
16	WHEREAS, the military is a selective employer which institutes unparalleled		
17	educational and training opportunities, most of which have professional civilian career		
18	counterparts; and		
19	WHEREAS, because of the large number of military service members who leave the		
20	armed services each year, the benefits of military training for both basic and specialized		

careers are particularly critical to the continued productivity and specialization of the civilian
workforce, as well as being a perfect fit for this already-trained and ready workforce; and
WHEREAS, barriers to the transfer of recently-discharged veterans into the civilian
workforce to careers for which veterans have been trained is disheartening to veterans and
a loss of a valuable resource to a potential employer; and
WHEREAS, because of a veteran's proven devoted service to our nation and
unparalleled experience, it is equally beneficial to the veteran and to American society as a

8 whole to ease the transition into civilian life to ensure that returning veterans feel welcomed9 and valued by the state of Louisiana.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 11 urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department of 12 Veterans Affairs to study employment practices and policies as well as various professional 13 licensing requirements to benefit veterans in the workforce and report their findings in the 14 form of a written report to the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the 15 Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by February 15, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs consult with and utilize the knowledge and expertise of the following state licensing boards and commissions to determine the feasibility of establishing or altering licensing requirements for veterans who leave the armed services trained in a field of expertise that corresponds to a civilian career path:

- 21 (1) Board of Certified Accountants.
- 22 (2) Board of Medical Examiners.
- 23 (3) Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.
- 24 (4) Horticulture Commission.
- 25 (5) Architectural Examiners.
- 26 (6) Bar Association.
- 27 (7) Real Estate Appraisal State Board of Certification.
- 28 (8) Auctioneers Licensing Board.
- 29 (9) Board of Examiner for Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- 30 (10) Board of Barber Examiners.

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	1	(11) Cemetery Board.	
,	2	(12) Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Court Reporters.	
-	3	(13) Board of Chiropractor Examiners.	
4	4	(14) Board for Contractors.	
	5	(15) Board of Cosmetology.	
(6	(16) Board of Dentistry.	
,	7	(17) Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition.	
:	8	(18) Board of Electrolysis Examiners.	
(9	(19) Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.	
10	0	(20) Office of Public Health/Bureau of EMS.	
1	1	(21) Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.	
12	2	(22) Board of Home Inspectors.	
1.	3	(23) Board of Interior Designers.	
14	4	(24) Racing Commission.	
1:	5	(25) Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.	
10	6	(26) Licensed Professional Counselor Board of Examiners.	
1′	7	(27) Board of Massage Therapy.	
1	8	(28) Board of Nursing.	
19	9	(29) Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators.	
20	0	(30) Board of Optometry Examiners.	
2	1	(31) Board of Pharmacy.	
22	2	(32) Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.	
2	3	(33) State Plumbing Board.	
24	4	(34) Board of Private Investigators.	
2:	5	(35) Board of Examiners of Psychologists.	
20	6	(36) Board of Radiologic Technology Examiners.	
2′	7	(37) Real Estate Commission.	
23	8	(38) Office of Financial Institutions.	
29	9	(39) Board of Examiners for Sanitarians.	
30	0	(40) Board of Private Security Examiners.	

1 (41) Board of Social Work Examiners. 2 (42) Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board. 3 (43) Department of Education. 4 (44) Board of Veterinary Medicine Examiners. 5 (45) Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors. 6 (46) Board of Examiners, and Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 8 executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the secretary of the 9 Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIGEST

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