

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 104

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to study employment practices and policies as well as various professional licensing requirements, certification requirements, and training programs, to benefit veterans in the workforce and report their findings to the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations by February 15, 2018.

WHEREAS, in the course of pursuing the basic mission of national defense, our nation's armed forces produce significant benefits to the economy including the support of scientific research, infrastructure development, and investment in human capital through extensive personnel training; and

WHEREAS, as of March 2017, there were more than one million two hundred thousand members of the military on active duty and more than eight hundred thousand on reserve serving the United States of America in our country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, annually, nationwide, approximately two hundred thousand veterans leave the armed forces; and

WHEREAS, the military is a selective employer which institutes unparalleled educational and training opportunities, most of which have professional civilian career counterparts; and

WHEREAS, because of the large number of military service members who leave the armed forces 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 whole to ease the transition into civilian life to ensure that returning veterans feel welcomed and valued by the state of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to study employment practices and policies as well as various professional licensing requirements, certification requirements, and training programs to benefit veterans in the workforce and report their findings in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations and the 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, as well as any other board or commission that regulates or offers professional certifications or training programs, to determine the feasibility of establishing or altering licensing or other requirements for veterans who leave the armed services trained in a field of expertise that corresponds to a civilian career path:

- (1) Public Board of Certified Accountants of Louisiana.
- (2) Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
- (3) Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority.
- (4) Horticulture Commission of Louisiana.
- (5) State Board of Architectural Examiners.
- (6) Louisiana State Bar Association.
- (7) Louisiana State Real Estate Appraisers Board.
- (8) Louisiana Auctioneers Licensing Board.
- (9) Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- (10) Board of Barber Examiners.

- (11) Louisiana Cemetery Board.
- (12) Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Court Reporters.
- (13) Louisiana Board of Chiropractor Examiners.
- (14) State Licensing Board for Contractors.
- (15) Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology.
- (16) Louisiana State Board of Dentistry.
- (17) Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition.
- (18) State Board of Electrolysis Examiners.
- (19) Louisiana State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.
- (20) Louisiana Department of Health, bureau of emergency medical services.
- (21) Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.
- (22) Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors.
- (23) State Board of Interior Designers.
- (24) Louisiana State Racing Commission.
- (25) Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.
- (26) Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselor Board of Examiners.
- (27) Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy.
- (28) Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- (29) Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators.
- (30) Louisiana State Board of Optometry Examiners.
- (31) Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.
- (32) Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.
- (33) State Plumbing Board.
- (34) Louisiana State Board of Private Investigator Examiners.
- (35) Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- (36) Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners.
- (37) Louisiana Real Estate Commission.
- (38) Office of Financial Institutions.
- (39) Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians.
- (40) Louisiana State Board of Private Security Examiners.
- (41) Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners.

(42) Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board.

(43) State Department of Education.

(44) Louisiana State Board of Veterinary Medicine Examiners.

(45) Louisiana Licensed Professional Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors Board  
of Examiners.

(46) Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE