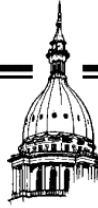




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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4605 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative Gail Haines

House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs

Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to issue a license to practice certain medical responder professions to a person who had served in the U.S. armed forces as a military health care specialist; and require LARA to waive license fees for honorably discharged veterans.

Under the Code, an individual may not practice or advertise to practice as a medical first responder, emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician specialist, paramedic, or emergency medical services instructor-coordinator unless he or she is licensed by LARA.

The Department may issue a license only to an individual who is at least 18 years of age and has successfully completed the appropriate education program approved under the Code. The bill would allow LARA to issue a license to a person who was at least 18 and either had completed the appropriate education program or, while serving in the armed forces, served as a military health care specialist and was honorably discharged from military service in the two years before the date a license application was filed.

The bill also would require LARA to waive the initial medical responder license fee for an honorably discharged veteran.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill's fee waiver provision could result in a minor reduction in license fee revenue.

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