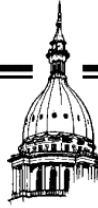




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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4605 (Substitute H-4 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Gail Haines
House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

Date Completed: 10-15-13

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 on active military duty in the U.S. armed forces as a military health care specialist.

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 on active duty as a member of the armed forces, served as a military health care specialist and was not dishonorably discharged from military service in the two years before the date a license application was filed.

"Armed forces" would mean that term as defined in the Veteran Right to Employment Services Act. (That Act defines "armed forces" as the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or other military force designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

Fiscal Analyst: Steve Angelotti

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