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# An Act

SENATE BILL 16-134

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CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FOR MILITARY VETERANS IN  
CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-403, **add** (5) as follows:

**42-2-403. Department authority - rules - federal requirements.**  
(5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW OR RULE TO THE CONTRARY, UPON PRESENTATION OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BY AN APPLICANT, THE

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

DEPARTMENT:

(a) SHALL CONSIDER THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE OBTAINED BY AN APPLICANT AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR RESERVES, THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE, THE MILITARY RESERVES OF ANY STATE, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF ANY STATE; AND

(b) MAY CREDIT THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE TOWARD THE QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-705, **amend** (1) (g); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

**28-5-705. Duties.** (1) The division, in accordance with its rules, shall perform the following duties and functions:

(g) Prepare, develop, construct, and maintain a state military veterans' cemetery pursuant to section 28-5-708 and seek reimbursement from the federal department of veterans affairs for all allowable costs for ~~such~~ THE project as permitted by federal law; AND

(h) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO NOTIFY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR RETURN TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND ARE LOCATED IN COLORADO, OR INTEND TO RELOCATE TO COLORADO UPON DISCHARGE, OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTIONS 24-34-102 (8) AND (8.5) AND 42-2-403, C.R.S.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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THE SENATE

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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