



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5404***

LCO No. 2272



Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE ENDORSEMENT TO OPERATE FIRE APPARATUS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-36a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
3 *1, 2024*):

4 (d) (1) A license of any class that contains the designation "Q"  
5 indicates eligibility to operate fire apparatus. A "Q" endorsement shall  
6 signify that the holder has been trained to operate fire apparatus in  
7 accordance with standards established by the Commission on Fire  
8 Prevention and Control.

9 [No] (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
10 subdivision, no such endorsement shall be issued to any person until  
11 [he or she] such person demonstrates personally to the commissioner,  
12 or the commissioner's designee, including the Connecticut Fire  
13 Academy, any regional fire school or the chief local fire official of any

14 municipality as defined in section 7-323j, by means of testing in a  
15 representative vehicle that such person possesses the skills necessary for  
16 operation of fire apparatus.

17 (B) (i) (I) Not later than two years after discharge from the armed  
18 forces, any veteran who prior to such discharge served in a military fire  
19 department and held a military license to operate fire apparatus, or (II)  
20 any member of the armed forces or National Guard who serves in a  
21 military fire department and currently holds a military license to  
22 operate fire apparatus, may apply for issuance of a "Q" endorsement on  
23 such veteran's or member's license in accordance with the provisions of  
24 subparagraph (B)(ii) of this subdivision. As used in this subparagraph,  
25 "veteran" and "armed forces" have the same meanings as provided in  
26 section 27-103.

27 (ii) Any veteran or member of the armed forces described in  
28 subparagraph (B)(i) of this subdivision who applies for issuance of a "Q"  
29 endorsement shall submit to the commissioner, or the commissioner's  
30 designee under subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, a written  
31 statement signed by such veteran's or member's commanding officer  
32 certifying such veteran's or member's (I) service in a military fire  
33 department, (II) holding of a military license to operate fire apparatus,  
34 and (III) satisfactory licensed operation of fire apparatus while so  
35 -serving. For the purposes of this subparagraph, submission of such  
36 written statement to said commissioner or designee shall be deemed to  
37 demonstrate that such veteran or member possesses the skills necessary  
38 for operation of fire apparatus, and such veteran or member shall be  
39 issued a "Q" endorsement on such veteran's or member's license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2024	14-36a(d)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that, for any veteran or member of the armed forces who has military fire department training and experience related to operation of

fire apparatus, the requirements for a "Q" driver's license endorsement shall be waived on submission of certain evidence that such veteran or member possesses the skills necessary for operation of fire apparatus.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*