

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to professional licensure of military
3 veterans by the Department of Health; amending ss.
4 456.013 and 468.304, F.S.; requiring the Department of
5 Health to waive specified fees relating to licensure
6 and certification of professions within the
7 jurisdiction of the department for honorably
8 discharged military veterans; providing for
9 application and waiver requirements; providing an
10 effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 456.013,
15 Florida Statutes, to read:

16 456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

17 (13) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee,
18 initial application fee, and initial unlicensed activity fee for
19 a military veteran who applies to the department for an initial
20 license within 24 months after being honorably discharged from
21 any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The applicant must
22 apply for the fee waiver using a form prescribed by the
23 department and must submit supporting documentation as required
24 by the department.

25 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 468.304, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any
28 applicant who meets the following criteria:

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29 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may
30 not exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the
31 department for purchasing the examination from a national
32 organization. The department shall waive the initial application
33 fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for an
34 initial certification within 24 months after being honorably
35 discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces.
36 The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form
37 prescribed by the department and must submit supporting
38 documentation as required by the department. This waiver does
39 not include the fee for purchasing the examination from a
40 national organization.

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42 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed
43 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the
44 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant
45 had been certified by the department at the time of the offense.
46 An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may
47 not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography
48 certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

49 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.