

Legislative Analysis

USE OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OR ALTERATION CONTRACTOR LICENSE

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House Bill 4756 (Substitute H-3)

Sponsor: Rep. Bruce R. Rendon

Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4756 AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON 6-5-13

The bill would amend Section 2404b of the Occupational Code to specify that an applicant for initial licensure as a residential builder or residential maintenance and alteration contractor would be exempt from the pre-licensure course requirements if he or she met all the following:

- Served as an active duty member of the US armed forces.
- While on active duty, was engaged in the erection, construction, replacement, repair, alternation, or demolition of building or other structures.
- Was not dishonorably discharged from military service.
- Has entry-level experience in or basic knowledge of each of the required areas of competency, and provides with the application an affidavit to that effect signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service.

An applicant who met all of the requirements above but did not have entry-level experience in or basic knowledge of each of the required areas of competency could provide with the application an affidavit signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with knowledge of his or her service stating in which of the required areas of competency the applicant did have entry-level experience or basic knowledge. The department could, in its discretion, grant the applicant credit toward the 60-hour pre-licensure education requirement based on that experience or knowledge.

An applicant for initial licensure as a residential building or residential maintenance and alteration contractor who met the requirements described above and who did not pass the examination for that licensure the first time would be required to successfully complete a pre-licensure course described in the Code to obtain a license.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no significant fiscal impact.

POSITIONS:

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs supports the bill. (5-22-13)

American Legion, Marine Corps League, & Commanders Group supports the bill. (6-5-13)

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is neutral on the bill. (6-5-13)

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