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House Bill 4756 (Substitute S-1 as reported) Sponsor: Representative Bruce R. Rendon House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs

Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 24 (Residential Builders) of the Occupational Code to exempt an applicant for initial licensure as a residential builder or residential maintenance and alteration contractor, from prelicensure study requirements if he or she met all of the following:

- -- Served in the armed forces.
- -- While serving, was engaged in the erection, construction, replacement, repair, alteration, or demolition of buildings or other structures.
- -- Was honorably discharged and provided documentation of that discharge to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.
- -- Had, and provided with his or her application, an affidavit signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service that he or she had entry-level experience in or basic knowledge of each of the areas of competency covered by the prelicensure study courses.

If an applicant otherwise met those requirements but did not have entry-level experience in or basic knowledge of specific areas of competency, he or she could provide an affidavit signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service, stating the required areas of competency in which the applicant had entry-level experience or basic knowledge. The Department could, in its discretion, grant the applicant credit toward the prelicensure study requirements based on that experience or knowledge.

If an applicant met the military experience criteria but did not pass the license exam the first time he or she took it, the applicant could not retake the exam until he or she successfully completed the prelicensure course of study to obtain a license.

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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