

Legislative Analysis



EXPAND USE OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION IN BOILER ACT

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House Bill 4134 (reported from committee w/o amendment)

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Sponsor: Rep. Tom Barrett

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

The Boiler Act was amended in 2013 to allow the use of relevant experience in the armed forces for occupational registration purposes, and require the waiver of fees for veterans. The act specifies requirements an applicant must meet to be issued a registration in various boiler operator or stationary engineer classifications. The requirements generally include participation in a qualified training program and/or a certain amount of experience operating boilers or related machinery.

House Bill 4134 would amend the Boiler Act to move the provision that includes relevant armed forces experience from Section 13d into Section 2, where other definitions are listed. That provision would also be rewritten to include individuals licensed to inspect, install, and repair boilers. The new provision would read:

"As used in this act and for purposes of any rules promulgated under this act, in connection with any requirements for a license to inspect, install, or repair boilers or for registration as a boiler operator or stationary engineer in one or more of the classifications in Section 13b, "experience" includes any relevant experience acquired while serving in the armed forces by an individual separated from that service if all of the following are met . . ."

One of the requirements is that the individual must submit with the registration or licensure application an affidavit or letter signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service, that described the experience designing, constructing, manufacturing, installing, inspecting, operating, repairing, or maintaining boilers and associated auxiliaries while serving the armed forces.

The underlined language in the paragraphs above is language newly added by the bill.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it is enacted.

MCL 408.752 and 763d

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4134 would not have a significant fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

Support:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (3-11-15)

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (3-11-15)

Air Conditioning Contractors of America – Michigan Chapter (3-11-15)

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