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**An Act To Facilitate Veterans' and Their Spouses' Access to
Employment, Education and Training**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative GRAHAM of North Yarmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator CAIN of Penobscot and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BRIGGS of Mexico, COTTA of China,
FREDETTE of Newport, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, NUTTING of Oakland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §8010** is enacted to read:

3 **§8010. Veterans and military spouses**

4 By January 1, 2014, each board, commission and agency within the department listed
5 in section 8001 or affiliated with the department under section 8001-A shall adopt a
6 process to facilitate qualified returning military veterans and qualified spouses of
7 returning military veterans or of active duty service members to qualify for professional
8 licenses granted by those boards, commissions and agencies in an expeditious manner.
9 Procedures adopted pursuant to this section supersede general licensing requirements of
10 those boards, commissions and agencies. For the purposes of this section, "returning
11 military veteran" means a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been
12 discharged from active duty within the previous 12 months. The department shall adopt
13 rules providing uniform standards for procedures that may be used by the boards,
14 commissions and agencies to comply with this section, including the following options.

15 **1. Endorsement.** The board, commission or agency may permit a returning military
16 veteran or a spouse of a returning military veteran or of an active duty service member
17 who holds a comparable license in another state to acquire a license by endorsement in
18 this State for the remainder of the term of the license from the other state or until a license
19 is obtained in this State.

20 **2. Temporary license.** The board, commission or agency may permit a returning
21 military veteran or a spouse of a returning military veteran or of an active duty service
22 member who holds a comparable license in another state to obtain a temporary license in
23 this State for a period of time necessary to obtain a license in this State.

24 **3. Acceptance of military credentials.** The board, commission or agency shall
25 permit a returning military veteran whose military training formed the basis for enabling
26 the veteran to perform a function that requires a license in this State to acquire a
27 temporary license until a license is obtained in this State.

28 **4. Continuing education requirements.** The board, commission or agency may not
29 require evidence of continuing education for initial relicensure of a returning military
30 veteran or the spouse of a returning military veteran or of an active duty service member.
31 Evidence of completion of continuing education requirements may be required for a
32 subsequent license or renewal. A board, commission or agency shall provide that
33 continuing education requirements may be met by comparable military training or
34 experience.

35 Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
36 chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

37 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10010**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 463, §1, is further
38 amended to read:

