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2011 SENATE BILL 357

December 30, 2011 – Introduced by Senators Moulton, Lassa, Taylor, S. Coggs and Lasee, cosponsored by Representatives Wynn, Jacque, Spanbauer, Knilans, Tranel, Ballweg, Brooks, Pridemore, Sinicki, Ripp, Farrow and Bewley. Referred to Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs.

AN ACT *to create* 440.075 of the statutes; **relating to:** applying a service member's military education, training, or other experience for purposes of satisfying certain requirements for a professional credential.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and examining boards and affiliated credentialing boards under DSPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws. Different credentials have different education, training, or other experience requirements that must be met before a person may receive the credential.

Under this bill, a credential applicant's education, training, or other experience obtained in connection with the applicant's service in the U.S. armed forces, the state defense force, the national guard of any state, or any other reserve component of the U.S. armed forces satisfies that credential's education, training, or other experience requirements, unless DSPS or the board that issues the credential determines that the applicant's military education, training, or other experience is not substantially equivalent to the requirements for the credential.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 440.075 of the statutes is created to read:

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440.075 Military service education, training, or other experience. The education, training, or other experience that an applicant for a credential obtained in connection with the applicant's military service, as defined in s. 111.32 (12g), satisfies the education, training, or other experience requirements for that credential, unless the department, if the department issues the credential, or the credentialing board, if a credentialing board issues the credential, determines that the applicant's military service education, training, or other experience is not substantially equivalent to those requirements for that credential.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for a credential, as defined in section 440.01 (2) (a) of the statutes, that is pending before the department of safety and professional services or a credentialing board, as defined in section 440.01 (2) (bm) of the statutes, on the effective date of this subsection.

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