



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2011 Senate Bill 357

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Under *current law*, the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) and various examining boards and credentialing boards under DPS administer Wisconsin's professional credentialing laws and also issue licenses to plumbers, electricians, and other persons engaged in the construction industry. Different licenses, certifications, registrations, and other credentials (credentials) have different training requirements that must be met before a person may receive an initial credential.

Senate Bill 357, as introduced, provides that a credential applicant's education, training, or other experience (training) obtained in connection with the person'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 (military service) satisfies the training requirements for that credential, unless DPS or the board that issues the credential determines that the applicant's military training is not substantially equivalent to the training required for the credential.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 expands the bill to provide that an applicant's military education, training, instruction or other experience (training) *also* counts towards satisfying training or other requirements for certain professions governed by agencies other than DPS, as shown below. Further, the substitute amendment shifts the burden to the applicant to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the agency, that his or her military training is substantially equivalent to the training otherwise required.

Department of Children and Families

- Training in specified subjects for licensees, employees and volunteers of certain facilities that provide care for children.

Department of Health Services

- Certification of Medical Assistance providers.

- Qualifications for public health nurses and public health officers.
- Instruction and competency evaluation for nurse aides.
- Training and testing for feeding assistants.
- Qualifications for training permits for and licensure of emergency medical technicians.
- Instruction requirements for first responders.
- Instruction requirements for poison control center staff.
- Instruction requirements for tattooists and body piercers.
- Certification requirements for lead hazard reduction and lead management activities, and approval of lead instructors.
- Certification requirements for asbestos abatement activities.
- Certification requirements for food sanitation managers.
- Certificate of food protection practices for restaurant operators and managers.

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

- Licenses, certifications, or permits for occupations including insurance agent and life settlement broker.

Department of Public Instruction, Division for Libraries, Technology and Community Learning

- Certification of public librarians.

Department of Transportation

- Approvals, certifications, and permits to persons performing chemical breath analysis.

Legislative History

On January 13, 2012, Senator Moulton introduced Senate Substitute Amendment 1. On January 17, 2012, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Veterans and Military Affairs adopted Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of the bill, as amended, also on a vote of Ayes, 7; and Noes, 0.

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