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**SENATE BILL 16-134**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL LICENSING FOR MILITARY VETERANS IN**  
102 **CERTAIN PROFESSIONS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

**Section 1** of the bill requires the Colorado department of public health and environment (CDPHE) to consider crediting a military veteran's training, education, and experience toward the qualifications for certification as an emergency medical service provider.

**Section 2** of the bill requires the Colorado department of revenue (DOR) to consider crediting a military veteran's training, education, and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

experience toward the qualifications for a commercial driver's license.

**Section 3** of the bill requires the division of veterans affairs to make reasonable efforts to notify a discharged member of the obligations of CDPHE and DOR under sections 1 and 2 of the bill and of the duties and functions of a professional licensing authority that is regulated by the department of regulatory agencies.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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3           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-2-403, **add** (5) as  
4 follows:

5           **42-2-403. Department authority - rules - federal requirements.**

6 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW OR RULE TO THE CONTRARY, UPON  
7 PRESENTATION OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE BY AN APPLICANT, THE  
8 DEPARTMENT:

9           (a) SHALL CONSIDER THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE  
10 OBTAINED BY AN APPLICANT AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
11 FORCES OR RESERVES, THE NATIONAL GUARD OF ANY STATE, THE  
12 MILITARY RESERVES OF ANY STATE, OR THE NAVAL MILITIA OF ANY STATE;  
13 AND

14           (b) MAY CREDIT THE TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR EXPERIENCE  
15 TOWARD THE QUALIFICATIONS TO RECEIVE A LICENSE, CERTIFICATION, OR  
16 REGISTRATION.

17           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 28-5-705, **amend** (1)  
18 (g); and **add** (1) (h) as follows:

19           **28-5-705. Duties.** (1) The division, in accordance with its rules,  
20 shall perform the following duties and functions:

21           (g) Prepare, develop, construct, and maintain a state military  
22 veterans' cemetery pursuant to section 28-5-708 and seek reimbursement

1 from the federal department of veterans affairs for all allowable costs for  
2 ~~such~~ THE project as permitted by federal law; AND

3 (h) MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO NOTIFY MEMBERS OF THE  
4 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE PLANNING THEIR RETURN  
5 TO CIVILIAN LIFE AND ARE LOCATED IN COLORADO, OR INTEND TO  
6 RELOCATE TO COLORADO UPON DISCHARGE, OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN  
7 SECTIONS 24-34-102 (8) AND (8.5) AND 42-2-403, C.R.S.

8 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
9 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.