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House Bill 4731 (Substitute H-4 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Ray A. Franz  
House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs  
Senate Committee: Veterans, Military Affairs and Homeland Security

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Firefighters Training Council Act to allow the State Fire Marshal to waive firefighter examination requirements for a person who had completed firefighter training that met the State's standards while serving in the U.S. armed forces.**

Under the Act, the State Fire Marshal, with the approval of the Firefighters Training Council, must develop and administer an examination to determine a person's competency in regard to the knowledge and skill requirements for firefighters. The exam must be administered in two parts, based on the knowledge and skill requirements set forth in a national publication ("Standard for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications", National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 1001).

Within 12 months after a person's hiring as a full-time firefighter, he or she must pass both Part 1 and Part 2 of the exam to be eligible for continued or permanent full-time employment as a firefighter. Within 24 months after a person's appointment as a volunteer or paid on-call firefighter, he or she must pass Part 1 of the exam to be eligible for continued volunteer or paid on-call service as a firefighter.

Under the bill, the State Fire Marshal could waive the examination requirements for a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged, upon verification that he or she completed firefighter training that met the standards described above while serving in the U.S. armed forces. "Armed forces" would mean that term as defined in the Veteran Right to Employment Services Act. (That Act defines "armed forces" as the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or other military force designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States.)

The bill would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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