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House Bill 5751 (as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Bradford C. Jacobsen  
House Committee: Military and Veterans Affairs  
Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Boiler Act to revise provisions recognizing military training and experience as the basis for licensure or registration for certain classifications under the Act.**

The Act specifies requirements an applicant must meet to be issued a registration in various boiler operator or stationary engineer classifications. The requirements generally include participation in a qualified training program and/or a certain amount of experience operating boilers or related machinery. Public Act 167 of 2013 amended the Boiler Act to include in the definition of "qualified training program" a training program offered to active duty boiler operators and stationary engineers by a branch of the armed forces.

Also, as amended by Public Act 167, the Boiler Act specifies that, for purposes of Section 13d (which provides for registration as a boiler operator or stationary engineer), "experience" includes experience acquired while serving as an active duty member of the armed forces, by a veteran who was not dishonorably discharged from military service. For the military experience to qualify, the person must give the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) a form DD214, a form DD215, or other any other form satisfactory to LARA demonstrating that the applicant was separated from military service with an honorable character of service or under honorable conditions (general) character of service. The applicant also must submit with his or her registration application an affidavit or letter signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service, that describes his or her experience as a boiler operator or stationary engineer in one or more of the classifications described in the Act. The bill would delete those provisions.

The bill specifies that, as used in the Boiler Act and for purposes of any rules promulgated under it, in connection with any requirements for a license to inspect, install, or repair boilers or for registration as a boiler operator or stationary engineer in one or more of the classifications described in the Act, "experience" would include any relevant experience acquired while serving in the armed forces. To qualify, an applicant would have to give LARA a form DD214, a form DD215, or any other form satisfactory to the Department demonstrating that he or she was separated from military service with an honorable character of service or under honorable conditions (general) character of service. The applicant also would have to submit with his or her application for licensure or registration an affidavit or letter signed by a commanding officer, supervisor, or military superior with direct knowledge of the applicant's service, that described his or her experience designing, constructing, manufacturing, installing, inspecting, operating, repairing, or maintaining boilers and associated auxiliaries while serving in the armed forces.

(A form DD214 is a certificate of release or discharge from active duty in the military. A form DD215 is a correction to a form DD214.)

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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