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A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-118, relating to professions and occupations; qualifications for licensure; substantially equivalent military training and education.*

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Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 1 of Title 54.1 a section numbered 54.1-118 as follows:

§ 54.1-118. *Qualifications for licensure, etc.; substantially equivalent military training and education.*

A. *The regulatory boards within the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, the Department of Health Professions, or any board named in this title shall accept the military training, education, or experience of a service member returning from active military service in the armed forces of the United States, to the extent that such training, education, or experience is substantially equivalent to the requirements established by law and regulations of the respective board for the issuance of any license, permit, certificate, or other document, however styled or denominated, required for the practice of any business, profession, or occupation in the Commonwealth. If the respective board determines that such military training, education, or experience is substantially equivalent, the board shall issue the license, permit, certificate, or other document. To the extent that the service member's military training, education or experience, or portion thereof, is not deemed substantially equivalent, the respective board shall credit whatever portion of the military training, education, or experience that is substantially equivalent toward meeting the requirements for the issuance of the license, permit, certificate, or other document.*

B. *Any regulatory board may require the service member to provide such documentation of his training, education, or experience as deemed necessary by the board to determine substantial equivalency.*

C. *As used in this section, "active military duty" means federally funded military duty as (i) a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty pursuant to Title 10 of the United States Code or (ii) a member of the Virginia National Guard on active duty pursuant to either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United State Code.*

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