

CHAPTER 2013-123

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160

An act relating to licensure fee exemptions for military veterans; amending s. 456.013, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Health waive certain licensure fees for veterans; requiring the department to prescribe the format of the fee waivers; limiting the time period a veteran can apply to 24 months after honorable discharge; amending s. 468.304, F.S.; requiring that the department waive the initial application fee for veterans who apply for a radiological personnel certification; requiring the department to prescribe the form of the fee waiver; limiting the time period a veteran can apply to 24 months after honorable discharge; excluding a specific fee from the waiver; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section 456.013, Florida Statutes, to read:

456.013 Department; general licensing provisions.—

(13) The department shall waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for an initial license within 24 months after being honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form prescribed by the department and must submit supporting documentation as required by the department.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 468.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any applicant who meets the following criteria:

(1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may not exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the department for purchasing the examination from a national organization. The department shall waive the initial application fee for a military veteran who applies to the department for an initial certification within 24 months after being honorably discharged from any branch of the United States Armed Forces. The applicant must apply for the fee waiver using a form prescribed by the department and must submit supporting documentation as required by the department. This waiver does not include the fee for purchasing the examination from a national organization.

The department may not certify any applicant who has committed an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable rules if the applicant had been certified by the department at the time of the offense. An application for a limited computed tomography certificate may not be accepted. A person holding a valid computed tomography certificate as of October 1, 1984, is subject to s. 468.309.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor June 7, 2013.

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