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House of Representatives, July 9, 2018

An Act To Employ Veterans in Health Care To Meet Workforce Needs

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOLDEN of Lewiston. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator: COLLINS of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2251-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 204, Pt. H, §6, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§2251-A. Qualifications**

5 An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the
6 board written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant ~~has the following~~
7 qualifications. satisfies one of the following qualifications:

8 **2. Approved program.** The applicant ~~must have~~ completed a prescribed curriculum
9 in a state-approved program for the preparation of practical nurses and holds a diploma or
10 certificate; or

11 **3. Military training and experience.** The applicant:

12 A. Served on active duty in the medical corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of
13 the United States and spent an aggregate of at least 12 months rendering bedside
14 patient care;

15 B. Completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by the branch of the
16 Armed Forces of the United States in which the applicant served; and

17 C. Was honorably discharged from active duty.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill provides that a person who served on active duty in the medical corps of any
20 branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and spent an aggregate of at least 12
21 months rendering bedside patient care, completed the basic course of instruction in
22 nursing required by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in which the
23 person served and was honorably discharged is eligible to take the examination for
24 licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

25 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

26 **(See attached)**



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Sponsor: Rep. Golden of Lewiston
Committee: Not Referred
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Other Special Revenue Funds
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the State Board of Nursing, affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, to implement the requirements of this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources. Additional dedicated revenue received from licensing fees is expected to be minimal.