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An Act To Allow Former Military Medical Personnel To Perform Certain Medical Services

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative FARRIN of Norridgewock.
Cosponsored by President THIBODEAU of Waldo and
Representatives: CASÁS of Rockport, FREDETTE of Newport, GOLDEN of Lewiston,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook,
CYRWAY of Kennebec, MASON of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2582** is enacted to read:

3 **§2582. Exemption for military medical personnel**

4 **1. Exemption for military medical personnel.** A person who served as a medic in
5 the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in
6 the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and
7 who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than
8 dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person
9 under this chapter that constitute the practice of osteopathic medicine if the person has
10 entered into a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision
11 of a licensee under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter
12 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States Air
13 Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or
14 national guard components.

15 **2. Medical practice agreement.** A person licensed under this chapter or a health
16 care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 that is supervised by a licensee under
17 this chapter may enter into a medical practice agreement that complies with requirements
18 and protocols developed by the board under subsection 3 with a former medic, medical
19 technician, corpsman or health services technician under subsection 1 for that person to
20 perform certain osteopathic medical services that reflect that person's medical training
21 and experience. A medical practice agreement under this subsection must be approved by
22 the board.

23 **3. Rules.** The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter
24 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice
25 agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

26 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3270-F** is enacted to read:

27 **§3270-F. Exemption for military medical personnel**

28 **1. Exemption for military medical personnel.** A person who served as a medic in
29 the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in
30 the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and
31 who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than
32 dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person
33 under this chapter that constitute the practice of medicine if the person has entered into a
34 medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision of a
35 physician licensed under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22,
36 chapter 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States
37 Air Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or
38 national guard components.

39 **2. Medical practice agreement.** A physician licensed under this chapter or a health
40 care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 may enter into a medical practice

1 agreement that complies with requirements and protocols developed by the board under
2 subsection 3 with a former medic, medical technician, corpsman or health services
3 technician under subsection 1 for that person to perform certain medical services that
4 reflect that person's medical training and experience. A medical practice agreement
5 under this subsection must be approved by the board.

6 **3. Rules.** The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter
7 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice
8 agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

9 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3658** is enacted to read:

10 **§3658. Exemption for military medical personnel**

11 **1. Exemption for military medical personnel.** A person who served as a medic in
12 the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, corpsman in
13 the United States Navy or health services technician in the United States Coast Guard and
14 who was discharged or released from military service under conditions other than
15 dishonorable may perform certain services delegated by a licensee supervising the person
16 under this chapter that constitute the practice of podiatric medicine if the person has
17 entered into a medical practice agreement under subsection 2 and is under the supervision
18 of a licensee under this chapter or a health care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter
19 405. For purposes of this section, the terms "United States Army," "United States Air
20 Force," "United States Navy" and "United States Coast Guard" include any reserve or
21 national guard components.

22 **2. Medical practice agreement.** A person licensed under this chapter or a health
23 care facility licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 that is supervised by a licensee under
24 this chapter may enter into a medical practice agreement that complies with requirements
25 and protocols developed by the board under subsection 3 with a former medic, medical
26 technician, corpsman or health services technician under subsection 1 for that person to
27 perform certain podiatric medical services that reflect that person's medical training and
28 experience. A medical practice agreement under this subsection must be approved by the
29 board.

30 **3. Rules.** The board shall adopt routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter
31 375, subchapter 2-A to establish requirements and protocols for a medical practice
32 agreement under subsection 2 and to carry out the purposes of this section.

33 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill allows a former United States Army medic, United States Air Force medical
35 technician, United States Navy corpsman or United States Coast Guard health services
36 technician to perform certain medical services under the supervision of a person holding a
37 license to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine or podiatry or at a health care facility
38 under a medical practice agreement approved by the respective licensing board.