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House of Representatives, March 6, 2018

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To
Streamline Veterans' Licensing and Certification Regarding
Licensed Practical Nurses**

Reported by Representative FECTEAU of Biddeford for the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Resolve 2017, chapter 27.

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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 is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce,
20 Research and Economic Development pursuant to Resolve 2017, chapter 27. The bill
21 implements a recommendation of the Commission To Streamline Veterans' Licensing and
22 Certification regarding licensure of military medics and corpsmen as licensed practical
23 nurses. Pursuant to the bill, a person who served on active duty in the medical corps of
24 any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, completed the basic course of
25 instruction in nursing required by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in
26 which the applicant served and was honorably discharged is eligible to take the
27 examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse.

28 The Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic
29 Development has not taken a position on the substance of the bill and by reporting out
30 this bill the committee is not suggesting and does not intend to suggest that it agrees or
31 disagrees with any aspect of this recommendation from the Commission To Streamline
32 Veterans' Licensing and Certification. The committee is reporting the bill out for the sole
33 purpose of turning the commission's recommendation into a printed bill that can be
34 referred to the committee for an appropriate public hearing and subsequent processing in
35 the normal course. The committee is taking this action to ensure clarity and transparency
36 in the legislative review of the commission's recommendation regarding licensure of
37 military medics and corpsmen as licensed practical nurses.