

# HOUSE BILL 1162

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Study on the Utilization of the Expedited Licensing Process for Service**  
3 **Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Labor, in consultation with the  
5 Department of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a study on the utilization of the expedited  
6 licensing process for service members, veterans, and military spouses for certain  
7 occupational and professional licenses in the State; and generally relating to a study  
8 related to service members, veterans, and military spouses.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
10 That:

11 (a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (2) "License" has the meaning stated in § 2.5–101 of the Business  
13 Regulation Article.

14 (3) "Military spouse" has the meaning stated in § 2.5–101 of the Business  
15 Regulation Article.

16 (4) "Service member" has the meaning stated in § 2.5–101 of the Business  
17 Regulation Article.

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (5) "Veteran" has the meaning stated in § 2.5–101 of the Business  
2 Regulation Article.

3 (b) The Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans  
4 Affairs, shall conduct a study on the utilization of the expedited licensing process for service  
5 members, veterans, and military spouses for licenses under Title 2.5 of the Business  
6 Regulation Article.

7 (c) The study shall include:

8 (1) information on:

9 (i) the number of service members, veterans, and military spouses  
10 that have used the expedited process and have had credit for military experience,  
11 education, or training applied to license requirements;

12 (ii) the type of experience, education, and training for which credit  
13 may be given toward experience, training, or education requirements for licensure,  
14 including whether the credit is considered substantially equivalent to the experience,  
15 education, or training required for the license; and

16 (iii) sample application forms, if any, used to request credit for  
17 military experience, education, or training to be applied to license requirements;

18 (2) information on existing and potential outreach activities and  
19 publications relating to Maryland's expedited licensing process and military experience,  
20 education, or training being applied to license requirements;

21 (3) suggested best practices for disseminating information regarding  
22 expedited applications for licenses and the types and amount of credit offered for  
23 experience, education, and training offered by the military;

24 (4) increasing the visibility on State websites of information regarding  
25 expedited applications for licenses and the types and amount of credit offered for  
26 experience, education, and training offered by the military; and

27 (5) a comparison with similar programs and outreach efforts in other  
28 states.

29 (d) On or before June 30, 2024, the Department of Labor, in consultation with the  
30 Department of Veterans Affairs, shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
31 Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General  
32 Assembly.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
34 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of

1 December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
2 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.