

# HOUSE BILL 1162

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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.

18 (5) “Veteran” has the meaning stated in § 2.5–101 of the Business  
19 Regulation Article.

20 (b) The Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Veterans  
21 Affairs, shall conduct a study on the utilization of the expedited licensing process for service

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 members, veterans, and military spouses for licenses under Title 2.5 of the Business  
2 Regulation Article.

3 (c) The study shall include:

4 (1) information on:

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

8 (ii) the type of experience, education, and training for which credit  
9 may be given toward experience, training, or education requirements for licensure,  
10 including whether the credit is considered substantially equivalent to the experience,  
11 education, or training required for the license; and

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

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

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

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

23 (5) a comparison with similar programs and outreach efforts in other  
24 states.

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

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
30 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 6 months and, at the end of  
31 December 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
32 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.