

RESOLUTION

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Resolution No. _____

Create Pathway for Licensing

Subject _____

Referred to Convention Resolutions Committee

Whereas, countless men and women are returning each year to New York State after honorably serving our nation as soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines in the armed forces of the United States of America, and

Whereas, these patriotic heroes learned valuable and unique skills to perform the tremendous tasks required to complete their missions while on active duty, and

Whereas, these valuable and unique experiences-achieved in hundreds of occupations-are relevant in the civilian workforce, and

Whereas, receiving a civilian license or certification in many of those occupations can require completing formal state administrative processes and meeting training and education standards, and

Whereas, many veterans, despite highly relevant skills and experience, find that they must go through a lengthy process to obtain the formal documentation, training or education required to enter their civilian occupation of choice, and

Whereas, these needless requirements impose financial hardships on veterans striving to establish careers and families, while becoming contributing and appreciated members of their communities, and

Whereas, transferring these valuable and unique career experiences-such as, but not limited to, Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic, Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, physical therapy assistant, bus and truck driver and police patrol officer-should not have barriers delaying or preventing veterans from moving licensure for a compatible civilian work force, now therefore be it

Resolved, that The American Legion, Department of New York, at Convention July 14, 15, 16, 2016 calls upon the Governor and Legislature of New York to coordinate and open a flow of information across state agencies, regulatory authorities and education institutions that will remove barriers and accelerate pathways to civilian occupations for former military personnel, ensuring recognition and acceptance of military licenses and credentials achieved in service to our Nation.

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