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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

#### AN ACT

# RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Almeida, Marshall, Abney, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 13, 2014

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28-45 of the General Laws entitled "Apprenticeship Programs in

2 Trade and Industry" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 <u>28-45-9.2. Military service apprenticeship qualifications.</u> – (a) Any person after

4 having been honorably discharged from military service or having been transferred to reserve

5 status or the national guard after active military service, and whose military occupational

6 specialty provided them with the requisite classroom and workplace training as required by the

- 7 Rhode Island general laws, or a rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to the Rhode Island
- 8 general laws, shall be eligible to use that classroom and workplace training to fulfill the
- 9 requirements for apprentices and/or journeypersons for the following skilled trades:
- 10 (1) Electricians, as defined in § 5-6-1 et seq.;
- 11 (2) Blasters, as defined in § 23-28.28-31 et seq.;
- 12 (3) Plumbers and Irrigators, as defined in § 5-20-1 et seq.;
- 13 (4) Hoisting Engineers, as defined in § 28-26-1 et seq.; and
- 14 (5) Mechanical Trades, as defined in § 28-27-1 et seq.
- 15 (b) Persons meeting any requirements through military service as described in subsection
- 16 (a) remain subject to licensing fees and examinations for the desired trade license.
- 17 (c) To the extent that any provisions contained in this section conflict with the
- 18 requirements for federal-aid contracts, federal law and regulations shall control.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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#### **EXPLANATION**

#### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would allow persons honorably discharged from military service, or transferred to reserve status in the National Guard, to use his or her acquired classroom and workplace 2 3 training to fulfill the requirements for apprenticeship and/or journeypersons for the skilled trades 4 enumerated herein. 5

This act would take effect upon passage.

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