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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senators Felag, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: Senate Labor

(Lieutenant Governor)

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 **28-45-9.2. Military service apprenticeship qualifications.** – (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.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow persons honorably discharged from military service, or transferred
2 to reserve status in the National Guard, to use his or her acquired classroom and workplace
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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