AN ACT

CONCERNING THE CONSIDERATION OF MILITARY EXPERIENCE TOWARDS QUALIFICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 24-34-102, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SUBSECTION to read:

24-34-102.  Division of registrations - creation - duties of division and department heads - license, registration, or certification renewal, reinstatement, and endorsement - definitions.  (8.5) The director and each of the examining and licensing boards shall, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence by an applicant for certification or licensure, accept education, training, or service completed by an individual as a member of the armed forces or reserves of the United States, the National Guard of any state, the military reserves of any state, or the naval militia of any state toward the qualifications to receive the license or certification. The director and each appropriate examining and licensing board shall promulgate rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Appropriation.  (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of registrations cash fund created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory agencies, for allocation to the division of registrations, for personal services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the sum of fifty-nine thousand nine hundred four dollars ($59,904) cash funds, or so
much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of registrations cash fund created in section 24-34-105 (2) (b) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory agencies, for allocation to the executive director's office and administrative services, for legal services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the sum of thirty-four thousand four hundred eighty-four dollars ($34,484) cash funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

(3) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, the sum of thirty-four thousand four hundred eighty-four dollars ($34,484) and 0.4 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the provision of legal services to the department of regulatory agencies related to the implementation of this act. Said sum shall be from reappropriated funds received from the department of regulatory agencies out of the appropriation made in subsection (2) of this section.

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2012 and shall take effect on January 1, 2012, or on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later.

Approved: May 9, 2011