

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA  
102<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
THE HILTON, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
JULY 15 – 18, 2021**

Resolution No. 102-4

Submitted by: William Whitmoyer  
Legislative Committee Chairman

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- WHEREAS, The American Legion has long been a staunch advocate for smooth transition from military life to civilian, and the utilization, in civilian life, of skills developed through military service; and
- WHEREAS, In 2015, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 23, which requires certain Commonwealth agencies to strongly consider a veteran's military education, training and experience for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for professional credentials; and
- WHEREAS, The intent of Act 23 of 2015 was to provide the smoothest transition from military life to civilian life for our military personnel after serving their country and who possess certain skills obtained during their service; and
- WHEREAS, Under current law, the following Commonwealth departments are included in providing these requirements: The Department of State, Department of Labor and Industry, Department of Education, Insurance Department, Department of Banking, or the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission; and
- WHEREAS, The Department of Health, which certifies our EMTs and paramedics throughout the Commonwealth, is not included in this list; and
- WHEREAS, Pennsylvania does have many veterans whose Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) is combat medic; and
- WHEREAS, Legislation that will add the Department of Health to this list of Commonwealth agencies required to strongly consider a Veteran's military education, training and experience for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for professional credentials, so that our veterans who wish to continue their medic specialty after their service may do so with the least amount of hurdles in obtaining the necessary certification, will ensure that a service member's military education and training are taken into consideration for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for professional credentials related to emergency medical services providers, specifically, amending section 7502 of Title 51 (Military Affairs), relating to retention of licenses and certifications of persons entering military service; and

WHEREAS, Such legislation will prevent the duplication of training and education of a Veteran and will provide our military personnel with the most seamless transition to back to civilian life as possible; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED, That The Pennsylvania American Legion Department of Pennsylvania in Convention assembled at the Harrisburg Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA, July 15-18, 2021, does affirm its support for legislation that will add the Department of Health to the list of Commonwealth agencies required to strongly consider a Veteran's military education, training and experience for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for professional credentials, and will ensure that a service member's military education and training are taken into consideration for the purpose of fulfilling requirements for professional credentials related to emergency medical services providers, specifically, amending section 7502 of Title 51 (Military Affairs), relating to retention of licenses and certifications of persons entering military service; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That The Pennsylvania American Legion Department Executive Committee calls upon the Pennsylvania General Assembly to pass such legislation, and encourages Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to thereafter expediently enact it by signing it into law; and be it further**

**RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of both Chambers of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for their immediate action; and be it finally**

**RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf.**

APPROVED X REJECTED \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRED \_\_\_\_\_ CONSOLIDATED \_\_\_\_\_ FILED \_\_\_\_\_