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Military Training and Credentialing

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Health Systems Quality Assurance

- Regulates
 - 83 health professions
 - More than 380,000 health professionals
- Responsible for implementation of legislation

Challenges

Challenges for veterans, military personnel and spouses include:

- High unemployment
- Difficult transitions
- Transferring military training to civilian jobs

Department of Health Initiatives

- Military page on the agency website
- Streamlining health profession credentialing
- “Inactive” license for transferred/deployed military personnel
- Partnering with Joint Base Lewis-McChord and colleges

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5969

- Expedited licenses for relocated spouses
- Temporary practice permits

Senate Bill 6290

- “Inactive” license status
- Spouses of military personnel deployed or transferred out of Washington

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5307

- Military training and experience equivalency
- Includes 22 health professions
- Equivalency determined by secretary, board or commission

ESSB 5307 – Challenges & Next Steps

- Military vs. civilian terminology
- Occupation and training differences across service branches
- Department of Defense assistance

Department of Health Military Website

- www.doh.wa.gov
- Click on “Topics A-Z” and “Military Resources”

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