

Senate Bill 676

Sponsored by Senator OLSEN

SUMMARY

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Requires organization that has related apprenticeship program to give credit toward apprenticeship for qualifying individuals who obtained experience in plumbing, pipefitting, steamfitting or heating ventilation air conditioning while in active duty in the armed forces.

Becomes operative on January 1, 2018.

Applies to apprenticeships entered into on or after January 1, 2018.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to apprenticeships for individuals who have served in the armed forces; and prescribing an
3 effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 660.002 to**
6 **660.210.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

8 (a) "Armed forces" means:

9 (A) The Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy of the United States;

10 (B) The reserves of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps or Navy of the
11 United States; and

12 (C) The Oregon National Guard or the National Guard of any other state or territory.

13 (b) "Piping trade" means the occupational areas of plumbing, pipe fitting, steam fitting
14 or heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC).

15 (2) Piping trade education, training and experience that a trainee obtained while on active
16 duty in the armed forces is creditable work experience for purposes of an apprenticeable
17 occupation. The trainee must have performed a portion of the piping trade education, train-
18 ing or experience in the armed forces within 12 months prior to commencing an apprentice-
19 ship program approved under ORS 660.002 to 660.210 or a similar apprenticeship program.

20 (3) A trainee seeking to claim piping trade education, training or experience described in
21 subsection (2) of this section as creditable work experience shall submit detailed information
22 regarding the education, training or experience to the local joint committee, the trade com-
23 mittee functioning as a local joint committee or another organization offering credit for an
24 apprenticeship program relevant to the piping trade. The trainee shall report to the State
25 Apprenticeship and Training Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or other organ-
26 ization offering credit for an apprenticeship program relevant to the piping trade the ap-
27 proximate amount of time the trainee spent on education, training or experience in each
28 major process to be covered by an approved piping trade apprenticeship.

29 (4) The committee or the organization shall credit information submitted under sub-

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 section (3) of this section to an approved piping trade apprenticeship. The committee or the
2 organization shall credit at least 75 percent of any time spent in piping trade education or
3 training that is relevant to a major process as education or training in that major process
4 obtained under an approved apprenticeship. The committee or the organization shall credit
5 a maximum of 75 percent of any time spent in piping trade experience relevant to a major
6 process as on-the-job work experience in that major process obtained under an approved
7 apprenticeship.

8 (5) The division, the Board of Boiler Rules and the State Plumbing Board shall recognize
9 piping trade education, training and experience credited by a committee or an organization
10 under subsection (4) of this section in determining whether a trainee has fulfilled any ap-
11 prenticeship requirement established as a prerequisite to taking an examination for licens-
12 ing.

13 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2017 Act applies to piping trade apprenticeship programs
14 for which the trainee enters into the apprenticeship agreement on or after the operative date
15 specified in section 4 of this 2017 Act.

16 **SECTION 4.** (1) Sections 1 and 2 of this 2017 Act become operative on January 1, 2018.

17 (2) The Bureau of Labor and Industries may take any action before the operative date
18 specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary for the bureau to exercise, on and
19 after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions
20 and powers conferred on the bureau by section 2 of this 2017 Act.

21 **SECTION 5.** This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017
22 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.
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