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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill does not change current law. Rather, it clarifies that a longstanding law that continues a person's state-issued occupational or professional license or certificate of registration while the person is mobilized for military service applies as well to licenses and certificates for occupations requiring training in firearms and use of force.

Such professions and occupations would include, for example, peace officer, game warden, correctional official, private security guard, animal control officer, and others.

Under the existing statute (since WWII), any person who is occupationally or professionally licensed or certified by the state upon being mobilized for military service, or for other national-security-related essential civilian employment outside the country, continues to be licensed or certified upon the person's return from that service or essential employment.

This bill would clarify that such occupational protection for Minnesotans returning from active military duty applies to licensing and certification for occupations and professions involving a requirement for firearms and use of force training, as well as to occupations that do not have such requirements.

The bill has an immediate effective date.

[Note: This bill *does not* pertain to concealed carry permits for Minnesota citizens who are otherwise not occupationally or professionally licensed by the State.]