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Honorable Chairman Ralph Ostmeyer  
and members of the Senate Committee on Federal & State Affairs

**HB 2077** is concerned with military veterans leaving the service. This bill requires the Kansas boards to evaluate the Department of Defense (DoD) training, education and experience for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). The state licensing boards have the goals of: protecting the public through enforcement of standards for licensure and ongoing competence, and to address the shortage of qualified medical personnel.

This bill was introduced in the House Committee on Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security. This bill would allow the respective licensing bodies to accept education, training, or service completed in military service by the applicant towards the qualifications to receive their license. However, the licensing body has the responsibility to determine that the education, training, or service is substantially equivalent to the standards required for licensure.

This bill will also allow the board to waive the requirement of graduation from an approved school if the applicant has attained a passing score on the licensure exam. HB 2077 will permit a licensing body to issue a temporary permit for a limited period of time to allow the military service member to lawfully practice the occupation while completing specific requirements that are required for licensure and that were not required in the state, district, or territory of the United States in which the military service member was licensed previously.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Goico'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Representative Mario Goico