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Rep. Fine Highlights New Programs to Help Veterans Find Jobs

GLENVIEW, IL – As part of her continued efforts to support Illinois’ veterans, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) is highlighting several new laws aimed at helping qualified veterans find employment.

“Service men and women receive extensive training to prepare them for their duties in the military and these skills translate well into the private sector,” Fine said. “Too often, proud veterans cannot find a job after they leave the military. These new laws aim to eliminate current barriers to make the transition back into civilian life a little bit easier for our veterans.”

To help trained medics find employment, Fine supported House Bill 3186 requiring the Illinois Department of Public Health to recognize EMT training completed while in the military. When applying for their EMT license, veterans will now be able to use previous training to meet state requirements instead of having to repeat the training.

Currently, veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military and have received an Afghan or Iraq Campaign Medal are able to have college education requirements waived when applying for employment to the Illinois State Police (ISP). Senate Bill 204 expands this waiver to include those currently serving in the Illinois National Guard or Reserves and veterans who have been honorably discharged and received the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, or the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

“These changes to help qualified veterans obtain employment are the least we can do for the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect us,” Fine said. “I will continue to support measures that honor those who have fought for our country.”

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