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Overview

This bill provides a veteran wishing to take the statewide peace officer licensing exam with some alternative means for qualifying to do so.

Under current law, a person who: (1) has been discharged from the military, and (2) has relevant military experience, is eligible to take the Minnesota peace officer licensing reciprocity exam. "*Relevant military experience*" is defined as being "*five years of active duty military police service.*"

The bill would broaden eligibility for the exam by providing the following three alternatives definitions of "*relevant military experience:*"

- 1) five years active service experience in a military law enforcement occupational specialty (which is equivalent to current law); or
- 2) three years of such active service experience, and completion of a two-or-more year degree from a regionally accredited postsecondary education institution; or
- 3) five years cumulative experience as a full-time peace officer in another state and/or such active service experience.

Unchanged by the bill is the requirement that the person have been honorably discharged from the military before being eligible to take the exam.