

# Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

*Ben Mickens 271-1403*

**SB 656-FN**, establishing a web-based occupational license application portal for veterans and military spouses.

**Hearing Date:** February 11, 2026

**Time Opened:** 9:38 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 9:50 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Pearl, McGough, Gannon and Altschiller

**Members of the Committee Absent :** Senator Reardon

**Bill Analysis:** This bill establishes a web-based occupational license application portal for veterans and military spouses.

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**Sponsors:**

Sen. McGough

Sen. Innis

Sen. Long

Sen. Watters

Sen. Ward

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**Who supports the bill:** Senator Tim McGough, Senator Ruth Ward, Senator Dan Innis, Bren Fraser (NHDMAVS), Trevor Cornwell (Aspire Technologies), Melanie Kasparian.

**Who opposes the bill:** No one.

**Who is neutral on the bill:** No one.

**Summary of testimony presented in support:**

**Senator Tim McGough**

- Senator McGough explained that this bill passed the New Hampshire Senate in the previous year, but the New Hampshire House of Representatives made some changes that the Senate did not concur with.
- He explained that when military families and veterans move locations, they often need to transfer licensure between states which can be difficult.
- Senator McGough stated that this bill would establish a web-based occupational license application portal for veterans and military spouses. He added that this

would be done within the Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services (DMVAS).

- Senator McGough explained that Governor Ayotte has called for an increase in technological advancements regarding occupational licensing in her recent State of the State address.

**Senator Pearl** asked if there are any changes to this current bill as introduced compared with the bill that passed the Senate last year.

**Senator McGough** replied that he is not aware of any such changes.

**Trevor Cornwell of Aspire Technologies:**

- Mr. Cornwell stated that Aspire Technologies works alongside many organizations nation-wide to provide services for veterans and military families.
- Mr. Cornwell explained that Aspire Technologies is committed to provide a web-based platform to streamline the process of transferring licensure between states.
- He explained that delays in transferring licenses have large consequences on military families and veterans. He added that the program that they are developing would cut down these delays drastically.
- Mr. Cornwell stated that with the web-based portal, application requirements and other relevant information would be readily available to families in this difficult situation.

**Brenton Fraser of New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services.**

- Mr. Fraser voiced the support of the department for SB 656-FN and their willingness to work with other state organizations to ensure the passage of this legislation.
- Mr. Fraser that this addition would be a positive reinforcement for people who do not have typical access to license transfer services.
- He explained that this program would be aligned with the intent of the Service Member Civil Relief Act to allow these capabilities for veterans and military families.

**Summary of testimony presented in opposition:** None.

**Neutral Information Presented:** None.