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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2610/9

from Ch. 121, par. 307.9

Amends the State Police Act. Provides that a requirement that a State Police applicant have certain job experience is deemed to be satisfied if the applicant has been honorably discharged and has an Afghan or Iraqi campaign medal awarded after September 11, 2001 by one of the United States armed forces. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning the State Police.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Police Act is amended by changing
5 Section 9 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2610/9) (from Ch. 121, par. 307.9)

7 Sec. 9. Appointment; qualifications.

8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the
9 appointment of Department of State Police officers shall be
10 made from those applicants who have been certified by the Board
11 as being qualified for appointment. All persons so appointed
12 shall, at the time of their appointment, be not less than 21
13 years of age, or 20 years of age and have successfully
14 completed 2 years of law enforcement studies at an accredited
15 college or university. Any person appointed subsequent to
16 successful completion of 2 years of such law enforcement
17 studies shall not have power of arrest, nor shall he be
18 permitted to carry firearms, until he reaches 21 years of age.
19 In addition, all persons so certified for appointment shall be
20 of sound mind and body, be of good moral character, be citizens
21 of the United States, have no criminal records, possess such
22 prerequisites of training, education and experience as the
23 Board may from time to time prescribe, and shall be required to
24 pass successfully such mental and physical tests and
25 examinations as may be prescribed by the Board. All persons who
26 have been honorably discharged and who have been awarded an
27 Afghan or Iraqi campaign medal after September 11, 2001 by the
28 military or naval services of the United States are deemed to
29 have met the experience prerequisite, notwithstanding any
30 Board rule. Preference shall be given in such appointments to
31 persons who have honorably served in the military or naval
32 services of the United States. All appointees shall serve a

1 probationary period of 12 months from the date of appointment
2 and during that period may be discharged at the will of the
3 Director. However, the Director may in his or her sole
4 discretion extend the probationary period of an officer up to
5 an additional 6 months when to do so is deemed in the best
6 interest of the Department.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, after
8 July 1, 1977 and before July 1, 1980, the Director of State
9 Police may appoint and promote not more than 20 persons having
10 special qualifications as special agents as he deems necessary
11 to carry out the Department's objectives. Any such appointment
12 or promotion shall be ratified by the Board.

13 (c) During the 90 days following the effective date of this
14 amendatory Act of 1995, the Director of State Police may
15 appoint up to 25 persons as State Police officers. These
16 appointments shall be made in accordance with the requirements
17 of this subsection (c) and any additional criteria that may be
18 established by the Director, but are not subject to any other
19 requirements of this Act. The Director may specify the initial
20 rank for each person appointed under this subsection.

21 All appointments under this subsection (c) shall be made
22 from personnel certified by the Board. A person certified by
23 the Board and appointed by the Director under this subsection
24 must have been employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission on
25 November 30, 1994 in a job title subject to the Personnel Code
26 and in a position for which the person was eligible to earn
27 "eligible creditable service" as a "noncovered employee", as
28 those terms are defined in Article 14 of the Illinois Pension
29 Code.

30 Persons appointed under this subsection (c) shall
31 thereafter be subject to the same requirements and procedures
32 as other State police officers. A person appointed under this
33 subsection must serve a probationary period of 12 months from
34 the date of appointment, during which he or she may be
35 discharged at the will of the Director.

36 This subsection (c) does not affect or limit the Director's

1 authority to appoint other State Police officers under
2 subsection (a) of this Section.

3 (Source: P.A. 92-313, eff. 1-1-02.)

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.