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**Governor and Department of Professional and Financial Regulation Announce  
Upcoming Informational Sessions to Assist Veterans and Current Service Members in  
Obtaining Occupational Licenses**

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Governor Paul R. LePage and Commissioner Anne Head announced today that the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation will conduct a series of educational outreach sessions to assist veterans and current service members with obtaining state occupational licenses. This series of events is part of an ongoing Department initiative to help veterans apply relevant military experience toward occupational licensing requirements.

“Our veterans have skills, training and attributes that can benefit a broad range of businesses and other organizations in Maine and help to strengthen our economy,” Governor LePage said. “But many of these men and women do not realize that they may already have experience that can put them on their way to a state license and good employment opportunities.”

Commissioner Anne Head encouraged veterans to bring proof of honorable discharge (DD 214) to one of the upcoming sessions. She indicated that the focus is primarily on electricians, plumbers, stationary steam engineers, boiler operators and oil/propane/natural gas/solid fuel technicians, but noted that veterans with experience in other occupations that require a state license are welcome to discuss their experience with the Department’s staff.

The first session will take place during the Androscoggin County Job Fair on Friday, April 4, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Central Maine Community College, 1250 Turner Street in Auburn. Future anticipated sessions are listed below:

-- April 24 Hiring Heroes (Augusta Armory) -- May 22 Western Maine Job Fair (University of Maine,

Farmington) -- May 28 Occupational Licensing/Job Fair (Bangor) -- June 17 Occupational Licensing/Job Fair (Augusta) -- July 30 Occupational Licensing/Job Fair (Lewiston)

Details about these sessions and general licensing information is also available to veterans and others by contacting Catherine Carroll at 624-8605 or [Catherine.M.Carroll@maine.gov](mailto:Catherine.M.Carroll@maine.gov), or by visiting the Department's homepage ([www.maine.gov/pfr](http://www.maine.gov/pfr)).

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