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**BPM Provisions in Rules and Regulations for Evaluation of Experience Obtained
in the Armed Services**

A report presented by the Executive Officer dated May 20, 2015 on the BPM Sunset Review presented information to the Executive Management Committee regarding state policy, as codified in section 35 of the California Business and Professions Code and applicable to all Boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs, that persons with skills, knowledge and experience obtained in the armed services to the United States of America should be permitted to apply this learning and contribute to the employment needs of the state at the highest level of skill and responsibility for which qualified if applicable to the requirements of the profession.

To this end, all Boards are mandated to provide methods of evaluating education, training and experience obtained in the military if applicable to licensure and specify how it may be used to meet licensure requirements.

While it is undoubtedly true that the U.S. military requires doctors of podiatric medicine to already have been licensed by a state licensing and regulatory board before they may report for duty in the armed services as podiatric physicians, the law nevertheless requires Boards to consult with the Department of Veteran's Affairs and Military Department for assistance in specifying how military education, training and experience obtained may be applicable to a Board's regulated profession.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Podiatric Medicine:

1. Instruct the Executive Officer to investigate the actions necessary for compliance with the mandate contained in California Business & Professions Code section 35 to evaluate and assess the potential to credit education, training and experience obtained in the Armed Services and specifying how it may be possibly used to meet licensure requirements.

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