CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 6(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 3/20/15
Referred: Labor and Commerce

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, Lynn, Hughes, Gruenberg, LeDoux, Colver, Millett, Josephson, Kawasaki, Gara, Tarr

SENATOR Wielechowski

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to a voluntary preference for veterans by private employers."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 18.80.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

    (c) Nothing in this chapter is intended to prohibit a private employer from granting an employment preference to a veteran when hiring an employee. In this subsection, "veteran" means a person who was honorably discharged from service in

    (1) the armed forces of the United States;
    (2) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;
    (3) the Alaska Territorial Guard;
    (4) the Alaska Army National Guard;
    (5) the Alaska Air National Guard; or
    (6) the Alaska Naval Militia.

* Sec. 2. AS 23 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

Chapter 55. Employment of Veterans.

Sec. 23.55.010. Veteran hiring preference allowed. A private employer may
grant an employment preference to a veteran when hiring an employee. In this section, "veteran" means a person who was honorably discharged from service in:

1. the armed forces of the United States;
2. a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;
3. the Alaska Territorial Guard;
4. the Alaska Army National Guard;
5. the Alaska Air National Guard; or
6. the Alaska Naval Militia.