AN ACT

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

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* 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 member of the national guard or a veteran when hiring an employee. In this subsection,

(1) "member of the national guard" means a person presently serving as a member in good standing in the national guard;

(2) "veteran" means a person who was discharged under honorable conditions from service in

(A) the armed forces of the United States;

(B) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;

(C) the Alaska Territorial Guard;
(D) the Alaska Army National Guard;
(E) the Alaska Air National Guard; or
(F) the Alaska Naval Militia.

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

**Chapter 55. Employment of Members of the National Guard and Veterans.**

**Sec. 23.55.010. National guard member and veteran hiring preference allowed.** A private employer may grant an employment preference to a member of the national guard or a veteran when hiring an employee. In this section,

(1) "member of the national guard" means a person presently serving as a member in good standing in the national guard;

(2) "veteran" means a person who was discharged under honorable conditions from service in

(A) the armed forces of the United States;
(B) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;
(C) the Alaska Territorial Guard;
(D) the Alaska Army National Guard;
(E) the Alaska Air National Guard; or
(F) the Alaska Naval Militia.

* Sec. 3. AS 39.25.159(f)(3) is amended to read:

(3) "member of the national guard" means a person who

(A) is presently serving as a member in good standing in the national guard; or

(B) was released from service in the national guard under honorable conditions [ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD AND WHO HAS AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD];