

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/21/15

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a voluntary preference for veterans and for spouses and domestic
2 partners of veterans by private employers."

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

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

5 (c) Nothing in this chapter is intended to prohibit a private employer from
6 granting an employment preference to a veteran, or to a spouse or domestic partner of
7 a veteran, when hiring an employee. In this subsection,

8 (1) "domestic partner" means a person who is cohabiting with another
9 person in a relationship that is like a marriage but that is not a legal marriage;

10 (2) "veteran" means a person who was honorably discharged from
11 service in the armed forces of the United States or the Alaska Territorial Guard.

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

13 **Chapter 55. Employment of Veterans.**

14 **Sec. 23.55.010. Veteran hiring preference allowed.** A private employer may

1 grant an employment preference to a veteran, or to a spouse or domestic partner of a
2 veteran, when hiring an employee. In this section,

3 (1) "domestic partner" means a person who is cohabiting with another
4 person in a relationship that is like a marriage but that is not a legal marriage;

5 (2) "veteran" means a person who was honorably discharged from
6 service in the armed forces of the United States or the Alaska Territorial Guard.