

**HOUSE BILL NO. 6**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, Lynn, Hughes, Gruenberg, LeDoux, Colver

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.