

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES TUCK, LeDoux, Parish, Fansler, Gara, Spohnholz, Josephson, Chenault, Tarr, Saddler, Westlake**

**Introduced: 1/18/17**

**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 by private employers."**

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

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

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

7 (1) the armed forces of the United States;

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

9 (3) the Alaska Territorial Guard;

10 (4) the Alaska Army National Guard;

11 (5) the Alaska Air National Guard; or

12 (6) the Alaska Naval Militia.

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

14 **Chapter 55. Employment of Veterans.**

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

1 grant an employment preference to a veteran when hiring an employee. In this section,  
2 "veteran" means a person who was honorably discharged from service in  
3 (1) the armed forces of the United States;  
4 (2) a reserve unit of the armed forces of the United States;  
5 (3) the Alaska Territorial Guard;  
6 (4) the Alaska Army National Guard;  
7 (5) the Alaska Air National Guard; or  
8 (6) the Alaska Naval Militia.