

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 369

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to veterans."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 18.56.101 is amended to read:

9           Sec. 18.56.101. ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS' INTEREST RATES.    The  
10 following persons are eligible veterans for the purposes of AS 18.56.-  
11 098(g) and (h):

12           (1) a person who served in the armed forces of the United  
13 States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for less than 90 days  
14 because of injury or disability incurred in the line of duty, after  
15 April 6, 1917, whose discharge was under honorable conditions;

16           (2) the widow or widower of a member of the armed forces or  
17 an eligible veteran if the member or veteran served in the armed  
18 forces for at least 90 days after April 6, 1917 and the veteran's  
19 discharge was under honorable conditions;

20           (3) a person who has served for not less than five years in  
21 the Alaska Army National Guard, or the Alaska Air National Guard, or a  
22 reserve unit of the United States armed forces if the reserve unit  
23 required, as a minimum, one weekend each month of duty and 15 consecu-  
24 tive days of active duty training each year and

25                   (A) whose discharge was under honorable conditions; or  
26                   (B) who is currently in an active status in the guard  
27                   or a reserve unit and whose service is characterized as  
28                   honorable.

29 \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.150(19) is amended to read:

1           (19) the granting of employment preference rights to a vet-  
2       eran not within the area of promotion, when the veteran possesses the  
3       necessary qualifications in the job classification applied for under  
4       this chapter; in an examination to determine the qualification of  
5       applicants for entrance into the classified service under merit system  
6       examination, five additional points shall be added to the passing  
7       grade of a veteran and 10 additional points shall be added to the  
8       passing grade of a disabled veteran, but the additional points may be  
9       used only the first time the veteran obtains a position in the classi-  
10      fied service; if a position in the classified service is eliminated,  
11      employees shall be released in accordance with rules which give due  
12      effect to all factors; if all job qualifications are equal, the veter-  
13      an shall be given preference over the nonveteran and the veteran shall  
14      be kept on the job; this paragraph may not be interpreted to amend the  
15      terms of a collective bargaining agreement; in this paragraph

16           (A) "veteran" means a person with 181 days or more  
17      active service in the armed forces of the United States who has  
18      been honorably discharged after having served during any period

19           (i) between April 6, 1917, and December 1, 1919,  
20      between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1947, or be-  
21      tween June 27, 1950, and October 14, 1976; or

22           (ii) in which the person was awarded a campaign  
23      badge or expedition medal, or The Purple Heart or other  
24      award or decoration for heroism or gallantry in action;

25           (B) "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is entitled  
26      to compensation under laws administered by the United States Vet-  
27      erans' Administration, or a person who was honorably discharged  
28      or released from active duty because of a service-connected dis-  
29      ability;