

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

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HOUSE BILL NO. 369 (title am)

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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 extending eligibility for certain interest
7 rates to certain members of the national guard or a
8 reserve unit of the United States armed forces; and
9 granting certain persons who have served in the armed
10 forces of the United States an employment preference
11 in the state service."

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

13 * Section 1. AS 18.56.101 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 18.56.101. ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS' INTEREST RATES. The
15 following persons are eligible veterans for the purposes of AS 18.56.-
16 098(g) and (h):

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

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

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

1 (A) whose discharge was under honorable conditions; or
2 (B) who is currently in an active status in the guard
3 or a reserve unit and whose service is characterized as honor-
4 able.

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

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

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

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

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

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