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1 IN THE SENATE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 56 (L&C)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state employment preferences for  
7 veterans and for service in the national guard."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 39.25.150(19) is amended to read:

10 (19) the granting of employment preference rights to a  
11 veteran not within the area of promotion, when the veteran possesses  
12 the necessary qualifications in the job classification applied for  
13 under this chapter; in an examination to determine the qualification  
14 of applicants for entrance into the classified service under merit  
15 system examination, five additional points shall be added to the  
16 passing grade of a veteran who is not a state employee in a permanent  
17 position in the classified service and ten additional points shall be  
18 added to the passing grade of a disabled veteran who is not a state  
19 employee in a permanent position in the classified service [, BUT THE  
20 ADDITIONAL POINTS MAY BE USED ONLY THE FIRST TIME THE VETERAN OBTAINS  
21 A POSITION IN THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE]; if a position in the classified  
22 service is eliminated, employees shall be released in accordance with  
23 rules which give due effect to all factors; if all job qualifications  
24 are equal, the veteran shall be given preference over the nonveteran  
25 and the veteran shall be kept on the job; this paragraph may not be  
26 interpreted to amend the terms of a collective bargaining agreement;  
27 in this paragraph

28 (A) "veteran" means a person with 181 days or more  
29 active service in the armed forces of the United States who has

1           been honorably discharged after having served during any period

2                           (i) between April 6, 1917, and December 1, 1919,  
3           between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1947, or between  
4           June 27, 1950, and October 14, 1976; or

5                           (ii) in which the person was awarded a campaign  
6           badge or expedition medal, or the Purple Heart or other award or  
7           decoration for heroism or gallantry in action;

8                           (B) "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is entitled  
9           to compensation under laws administered by the United States  
10          Veterans' Administration, or a person who was honorably dis-  
11          charged or released from active duty because of a service-con-  
12          nected disability;

13       \* Sec. 2. AS 39.25.150 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

14                           (26) the granting of employment preference rights, not  
15          within the area of promotion, to a member of the national guard who  
16          has not received preference rights as a veteran when the national  
17          guard member possesses the necessary qualifications in the job classi-  
18          fication applied for under this chapter; in an examination to deter-  
19          mine the qualification of applicants for entrance into the classified  
20          service under merit system examination, three additional points shall  
21          be added to the passing grade of a national guard member who is not a  
22          state employee in a permanent position in the classified service and  
23          six additional points shall be added to the passing grade of a dis-  
24          abled national guard member who is not a state employee in a permanent  
25          position in the classified service; if a position in the classified  
26          service is eliminated, employees shall be released under rules that  
27          give due effect to all factors; if all job qualifications are equal,  
28          the national guard member shall be given preference over employees who  
29          are not veterans or national guard members and the national guard

1 member shall be kept on the job; this paragraph may not be interpreted  
2 to amend the terms of a collective bargaining agreement; in this  
3 paragraph

4 (A) "disabled national guard member" means a former  
5 member of the national guard who was discharged or released from  
6 the national guard under honorable conditions because of a dis-  
7 ability incurred in the line of duty;

8 (B) "national guard member" means a person who has  
9 served for at least eight years as a member of the Alaska  
10 National Guard or an Alaska National Guard Reserve Unit.