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By Representatives Sullivan, O'Brien, Conway and Dyer

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a scoring preference on civil service  
2 examinations to certain persons who served in the reserves; and  
3 amending RCW 41.04.010.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.010 and 1974 ex.s. c 170 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) In all competitive examinations(~~(, unless otherwise provided~~  
8 ~~herein,))~~ to determine the qualifications of applicants for public  
9 offices, positions, or employment, the state, and all of its political  
10 subdivisions and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference  
11 status to all veterans (~~(as defined in RCW 41.04.005,))~~ or members of  
12 the United States military reserves by adding the following to the  
13 passing mark, grade, or rating only, based upon a possible rating of  
14 one hundred points as perfect (~~(a percentage in accordance with the~~  
15 ~~following))~~):

16 ~~((1))~~ (a) Ten percent shall be awarded in each examination to a  
17 veteran or member of the United States military reserves who is not  
18 receiving any veterans retirement payments (~~(and said percentage shall~~  
19 ~~be utilized in said veteran's competitive examination and not in any~~

1 ~~promotional examination~~) until one of ~~((such))~~ these examinations  
2 results in ~~((said))~~ the veteran's or member's first appointment(~~(+~~  
3 ~~PROVIDED, That said~~)), but this percentage shall not be ((utilized))  
4 awarded in any promotional examination;

5 ~~((2))~~ (b) Five percent shall be awarded in each examination to a  
6 veteran or member of the United States military reserves who is  
7 receiving any veterans retirement payments ~~((and said percentage shall~~  
8 ~~be utilized in said veteran's competitive examination only and not in~~  
9 ~~any promotional examination))~~ until one of ~~((such))~~ these examinations  
10 results in ~~((said))~~ the veteran's or member's first appointment(~~(+~~  
11 ~~PROVIDED, That said~~)), but this percentage shall not be ((utilized))  
12 awarded in any promotional examination;

13 ~~((3))~~ (c) Five percent shall be awarded to a veteran or member of  
14 the United States military reserves, who, after having previously  
15 received employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions  
16 or municipal corporations, shall be called, or recalled, to active  
17 military service for a period of one year, or more, during any period  
18 of war, for his or her first promotional examination only after  
19 returning from this active military service, upon compliance with RCW  
20 73.16.035 ~~((as it now exists or may hereafter be amended));~~

21 ~~((4))~~ (d) There shall be no examination preferences other than  
22 those which have been specifically provided ~~((for above and))~~ under  
23 this section. All preferences ~~((above))~~ specified in ~~((1), (2) and~~  
24 ~~(3))~~ this section must be claimed by a veteran within eight years of  
25 the date of ~~((his release))~~ being released from active service.

26 (2) As used in this section:

27 (a) "Veteran" means a person who meets the definition of a  
28 "veteran" under RCW 41.04.005.

29 (b) "Member of the United States military reserves" means a person  
30 who has served as an active member in good standing in the national  
31 guard of any state or territory of the United States or in the air  
32 force, army, coast guard, navy, or marine corps reserve of the United  
33 States, for a total of at least six good retirement years and is  
34 either: (i) Still serving in such a capacity; or (ii) received an  
35 honorable discharge on or after the effective date of this act.

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