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By Senators Patterson, McCaslin, Oke, Horn, Goings and Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' scoring criteria in employment  
2 examinations; and amending RCW 41.04.010.

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

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

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

14 (1) Ten percent to a veteran who ~~((is not receiving any veterans  
15 retirement payments and said))~~ served during a period of war or in a  
16 hostile environment as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does not receive  
17 military retirement. The percentage shall be ~~((utilized in said  
18 veteran's))~~ added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive  
19 examinations ~~((and not in any promotional examination))~~ until ~~((one of~~

1 ~~such examinations results in said)) the veteran's first appointment((:~~  
2 ~~PROVIDED, That said)). The percentage shall not be utilized in ((any))~~  
3 ~~promotional examinations;~~

4 (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period of  
5 war or in a hostile environment as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or is  
6 receiving ((any veterans retirement payments and said)) military  
7 retirement. The percentage shall be ((utilized in said veteran's))  
8 added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations  
9 ((only and not in any promotional examination)) until ((one of such  
10 examinations results in said)) the veteran's first appointment((:  
11 PROVIDED, That said)). The percentage shall not be utilized in ((any))  
12 promotional examinations;

13 (3) Five percent to a veteran who(~~, after having previously~~  
14 ~~received)) was called to active military service for one or more years  
15 from employment with the state or any of its political subdivisions or  
16 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)). The percentage shall be added to the first  
19 promotional examination only((, upon compliance with RCW 73.16.035 as  
20 it now exists or may hereafter be amended));~~

21 (4) ~~((There shall be no examination preferences other than those~~  
22 ~~which have been specifically provided for above and all preferences~~  
23 ~~above)) All veterans' scoring criteria specified in subsections (1),  
24 (2), and (3) of this section must be claimed ((by a veteran)) within  
25 ((eight)) fifteen years of the date of ((his)) release from active  
26 military service. This period may be extended for valid and  
27 extenuating reasons to include but not be limited to:~~

- 28 (a) Documented medical reasons beyond control of the veteran;  
29 (b) Any veterans' administration documented disabled veteran; or  
30 (c) Any veteran who has his or her employment terminated through no  
31 fault or action of his or her own and whose livelihood is adversely  
32 affected may seek preference employment consideration under this  
33 section.

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