

VETERAN'S PREFERENCE AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill makes all ranks of military officers eligible for veteran's preference points.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies a definition of "preference eligible" to include all ranks of officers.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

71-10-1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 366

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **71-10-1** is amended to read:

71-10-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Active duty" means active military duty and does not include active duty for training, initial active duty for training, or inactive duty for training.

(2) "Government entity" means the state, any county, municipality, local district, special service district, or any other political subdivision or administrative unit of the state, including state institutions of education.

30 (3) "Preference eligible" means:

31 (a) any individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180
32 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or
33 expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and who has been separated under
34 honorable conditions;

35 (b) a veteran with a disability, regardless of the percentage of disability;

36 (c) the spouse or unmarried widow or widower of a veteran;

37 (d) a purple heart recipient; or

38 (e) a retired member of the armed forces [~~who retired below the rank of major or its~~
39 ~~equivalent~~].

40 (4) "Veteran" means:

41 (a) an individual who has served on active duty in the armed forces for more than 180
42 consecutive days, or was a member of a reserve component who served in a campaign or
43 expedition for which a campaign medal has been authorized and who has been separated or
44 retired under honorable conditions; or

45 (b) any individual incurring an actual service-related injury or disability in the line of
46 duty whether or not that person completed 180 consecutive days of active duty.

47 (5) "Veteran with a disability" means an individual who has:

48 (a) been separated or retired from the armed forces under honorable conditions; and

49 (b) established the existence of a service-connected disability or is receiving
50 compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension because of a public statute
51 administered by the federal Department of Veterans Affairs or a military department.