

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

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S.P. 823 - L.D. 2130

An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "Eligible service member" means a person who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and a person actively serving in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 438, §2, is amended to read:

2. Interview. In filling any position in the classified service, the employing agency shall offer an interview to any veteran or gold star spouse or spouse of an eligible service member who meets the minimum qualifications established for the position.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 438, §2, is amended to read:

3. Retention preference. In any reduction in personnel in the state service, employees who are veterans or gold star spouses or spouses of eligible service members must be retained in preference to all other competing employees in the same classification with equal seniority, status and performance reviews.