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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1128, L.D. 1658, Bill, “An Act To Reform the Veteran Preference in State Hiring and Retention”

Amend the bill in section 2 in §7054-B by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 6 to 9 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Gold star spouse" means a widow or widower of a veteran who is eligible to receive a gold star lapel pin under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010).

B. "Veteran" means a person who has served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard and received a discharge other than dishonorable.'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §7054-B in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 11 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "veteran" the following: 'or gold star spouse'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §7054-B in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "veterans" the following: 'or gold star spouses'

SUMMARY

This amendment expands the benefits in the bill for veterans to apply to gold star spouses, which is defined in the amendment.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT