

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 549

S. P. 166

In Senate, February 6, 1975

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Veteran's Preference in State Employment.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA, § 674, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 561, is amended by adding 2 new sentences at the end to read:

This preference shall be available for 3 years after a veteran ceases active duty or for 3 years after graduation from a program of education or training for which the veteran or eligible person could have received veteran's educational benefits. This time limitation shall not apply to any veteran with a service-connected disability, or wives, widows or mothers eligible for veterans' preferences under this section.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA, § 674, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 561, is amended to read:

C. Veteran. "Veteran" shall mean a person, male or female, who served on full-time active duty, exclusive of active duty for training, in the Armed Forces of the United States and who does not receive nondisability retirement benefits for Armed Forces service.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to restrict Armed Forces preferences to persons who are not receiving nondisability retirement benefits from the Armed Forces and who have been released from active duty for not more than 3 years

or have been graduated from a program of education or training for not more than 3 years.

This bill will continue to aid the serviceman or woman's return to civilian life, while at the same time it will increase the opportunity for all citizens to compete fairly for state service positions.