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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Restrict Armed Forces Preferences in State Employment to Veterans Who Were Not Career Officers or Career Enlisted Personnel and to Remove a Barrier to Affirmative Action Programs.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 674, sub-§ 1, ¶ C, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 561, is amended to read: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 a nondisability retirement pension for Armed Forces service.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 674, sub-§ 4, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 561, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to restrict Armed Forces preferences in state employment to veterans who were not career officers or career enlisted personnel and who are not receiving retirement pensions for Armed Forces service. Persons with disability retirement pensions are not affected by the bill. The bill also removes a barrier to the effective implementation of affirmative action programs but does not alter preferences assisting veterans in qualifying for the register of eligible candidates for a position in the classified service.