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In Senate, December 17, 2001

An Act to Amend the Civil Service Law with Respect to Veterans' Preference.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela L. Cahill".

PAMELA L. CAHILL
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative DUNCAN of Presque Isle and
Senator SAWYER of Penobscot, Representatives: LABRECQUE of Gorham, O'BRIEN of
Lewiston, Speaker SAXL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§1, ¶D**, as amended by PL 1999, c.
4 462, §1, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1993, c.
8 427, §2, is further amended to read:

10 A. A veteran who served on active duty in any of the Armed
12 Forces for at least 90 days consecutively ~~during-a-war,~~
~~campaign-or-expedition~~ and who was honorably separated must
be accorded a 5-point preference.

14 ~~A-5-point-preference-must-also-be-accorded-a-veteran-who~~
~~served-on-active-duty-in-any-of-the-Armed-Forces-for-at~~
16 ~~least-90-consecutive-days-and-who,-during-that-time-~~

18 ~~(1)--Served-in-the-expedition-to-Grenada-at-any-time~~
~~from-October-25,-1983-to-November-2,-1983;-~~

20 ~~(2)--Served-in-the-mission-in-Lebanon-at-any-time-from~~
22 ~~August-25,-1983-to-February-24,-1984;-or~~

24 ~~(3)--Served-in-Panama-at-any-time-from-December-20,~~
26 ~~1989-to-January-31,-1990.~~

28 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§2, ¶¶E and F**, as enacted by PL 1985,
c. 785, Pt. B, §38, are amended to read:

30 E. The widow or widower, who has never remarried, of a
32 veteran who lost his or her life under honorable conditions
34 ~~during-the-war,-campaign-or-expedition,~~ or who died as the
result of service-connected disability ~~shall~~ must be
accorded a 10-point preference.

36 F. The natural mother or father of a deceased veteran who
38 lost his or her life under honorable conditions while
40 serving on active duty in any of the Armed Forces ~~during-a~~
~~war,-campaign-or-expedition,-~~ and who is or was married to
42 the father or mother of the veteran on whose service he or
she bases his or her claim; and who is widowed, divorced or
44 separated; or who lives with him or her totally and
permanently disabled husband or wife, either the veteran's
46 father or mother or the husband or wife of his or her
remarriage, is entitled to a 10-point preference.

SUMMARY

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4 This bill broadens eligibility for veterans' preference in
making appointments to the classified service by eliminating the
6 requirement for participation in a war, campaign or expedition
defined in the current law. As a result, this bill eliminates
8 distinctions as to the period of service that currently exist in
the veterans' preference statute. This is particularly true with
10 respect to the 5-point preference, which is awarded solely for
service, rather than the 10-point preference that is provided to
those who suffer a disability connected to military service.