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L.D. 2130

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Date: 3/13/26

(Filing No. S-343)

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**VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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**132ND LEGISLATURE**

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**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 823, L.D. 2130, "An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses"

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Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph C in the last line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "Guard" the following: 'and a person actively serving in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

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

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**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.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment expands the definition of "eligible service member" for the purpose of veteran preference in filling a position in the classified service to include a person actively serving in the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard. It also requires an employer, in any reduction in personnel in the state service, to retain the spouse of an eligible service member in preference to all other competing employees in the same classification with equal seniority, status and performance reviews.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2130

LR 2684(02)

**An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S543)**

**Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to implement the provisions of this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.