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An Act to Support Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses

Reference to the Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senators: GUERIN of Penobscot, STEWART of Aroostook, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7054-B, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "Eligible service member" means a person who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard.

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

2. Interview. In filling any position in the classified service, the employing agency shall offer an interview to any veteran ~~or~~ gold star spouse or spouse of an eligible service member who meets the minimum qualifications established for the position.

SUMMARY

This bill requires an employing agency, in filling a position in the classified service, to offer an interview to the spouse of a person who is serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces including the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces and the National Guard if that spouse meets the minimum qualifications established for the position.