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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3261

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3261, AS AMENDED, by
3 replacing everything after the enacting clause with the
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The Personnel Code is amended by changing
6 Section 8b.7 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 415/8b.7) (from Ch. 127, par. 63b108b.7)

8 Sec. 8b.7. Veteran preference. For the granting of
9 appropriate preference in entrance examinations to qualified
10 veterans, persons who have been members of the armed forces of
11 the United States or to qualified persons who, while citizens
12 of the United States, were members of the armed forces of
13 allies of the United States in time of hostilities with a
14 foreign country, and to certain other persons as set forth in
15 this Section.

16 (a) As used in this Section:

1 (1) "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means
2 any period of time in the past, present, or future during
3 which a declaration of war by the United States Congress
4 has been or is in effect or during which an emergency
5 condition has been or is in effect that is recognized by
6 the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
7 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
8 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
9 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

10 (2) "Armed forces of the United States" means the
11 United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
12 Coast Guard. Service in the Merchant Marine that
13 constitutes active duty under Section 401 of federal Public
14 Law 95-202 shall also be considered service in the Armed
15 Forces of the United States for purposes of this Section.

16 (3) "Veteran" means a member of the armed forces of the
17 United States, the Illinois National Guard, or a reserve
18 component of the armed forces of the United States.

19 (b) The preference granted under this Section shall be in
20 the form of points added to the final grades of the persons if
21 they otherwise qualify and are entitled to appear on the list
22 of those eligible for appointments.

23 (c) A veteran is qualified for a preference of 10 points if
24 the veteran currently holds proof of a service connected
25 disability from the United States Department of Veterans
26 Affairs or an allied country or if the veteran is a recipient

1 of the Purple Heart.

2 (d) A veteran who has served during a time of hostilities
3 with a foreign country is qualified for a preference of 5
4 points if the veteran served under one or more of the following
5 conditions:

6 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

7 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
8 regardless of the length of engagement, or

9 (3) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
10 hardship, or

11 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
12 of a service connected disability and was discharged under
13 honorable conditions.

14 (e) A person not eligible for a preference under subsection
15 (c) or (d) is qualified for a preference of 3 points if the
16 person has served in the armed forces of the United States, the
17 Illinois National Guard, or any reserve component of the armed
18 forces of the United States if the person: (1) served for at
19 least 6 months and has been discharged under honorable
20 conditions; ~~or~~ (2) has been discharged on the ground of
21 hardship; ~~or~~ (3) was released from active duty because of a
22 service connected disability; or (4) served a minimum of 4
23 years in the Illinois National Guard or reserve component of
24 the armed forces of the United States regardless of whether or
25 not the person was mobilized to active duty. An active member
26 of the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed

1 forces of the United States is eligible for the preference if
2 the member meets the service requirements of this subsection
3 (e).

4 (f) The rank order of persons entitled to a preference on
5 eligible lists shall be determined on the basis of their
6 augmented ratings. When the Director establishes eligible
7 lists on the basis of category ratings such as "superior",
8 "excellent", "well-qualified", and "qualified", the veteran
9 eligibles in each such category shall be preferred for
10 appointment before the non-veteran eligibles in the same
11 category.

12 (g) Employees in positions covered by jurisdiction B who,
13 while in good standing, leave to engage in military service
14 during a period of hostility, shall be given credit for
15 seniority purposes for time served in the armed forces.

16 (h) A surviving unremarried spouse of a veteran who
17 suffered a service connected death or the spouse of a veteran
18 who suffered a service connected disability that prevents the
19 veteran from qualifying for civil service employment shall be
20 entitled to the same preference to which the veteran would have
21 been entitled under this Section.

22 (i) A preference shall also be given to the following
23 individuals: 10 points for one parent of an unmarried veteran
24 who suffered a service connected death or a service connected
25 disability that prevents the veteran from qualifying for civil
26 service employment. The first parent to receive a civil service

1 appointment shall be the parent entitled to the preference.

2 (j) The Department of Central Management Services shall
3 adopt rules and implement procedures to verify that any person
4 seeking a preference under this Section is entitled to the
5 preference. A person seeking a preference under this Section
6 shall provide documentation or execute any consents or other
7 documents required by the Department of Central Management
8 Services or any other State department or agency to enable the
9 department or agency to verify that the person is entitled to
10 the preference.

11 (k) If an applicant claims to be a veteran, the Department
12 of Central Management Services must verify that status before
13 granting a veteran preference by requiring a certified copy of
14 the applicant's most recent DD214 (Certificate of Release or
15 Discharge from Active Duty), NGB-22 (Proof of National Guard
16 Service), or other evidence of the applicant's most recent
17 honorable discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States
18 that is determined to be acceptable by the Department of
19 Central Management Services.

20 (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-481, eff. 1-1-00.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law."