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By Senators Wagoner, Hobbs, and Randall

1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' scoring criteria status in  
2 examinations; and amending RCW 41.04.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.010 and 2017 c 97 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in  
7 this section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for  
8 public offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all  
9 of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or  
10 private companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give  
11 the competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to  
12 all veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007 and military surviving  
13 spouses, by adding to the passing mark, grade, or rating only, based  
14 upon a possible rating of one hundred points as perfect a percentage  
15 in accordance with the following:

16 ~~((1))~~ (a) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period  
17 of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does  
18 not receive military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the  
19 passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the  
20 veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in  
21 promotional examinations;

1       ~~((2))~~ (b) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a  
2 period of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or  
3 is receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to  
4 the passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until  
5 the veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized  
6 in promotional examinations;

7       ~~((3))~~ (c) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active  
8 military service from employment with the state or any of its  
9 political subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage  
10 shall be added to promotional examinations until the first promotion  
11 only;

12       ~~((4))~~ (d) Ten percent to a military surviving spouse. The  
13 percentage shall be added to the passing mark, grade, or rating of  
14 competitive examinations until the military surviving spouse's first  
15 appointment. The percentage shall not be used in promotional  
16 examinations;

17       (e) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed:

18       ~~((a))~~ (i) Upon release from active military service with an  
19 honorable discharge or a discharge for medical reasons with an  
20 honorable record, where applicable; or

21       ~~((b))~~ (ii) Upon receipt of a United States department of  
22 defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or their  
23 equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his  
24 or her service as honorable; and

25       (f) All military surviving spouses' scoring criteria may be  
26 claimed upon the receipt of:

27       (i) The military death certificate of the active military spouse  
28 naming the surviving spouse applicant as the primary next of kin;

29       (ii) Documentation from the United States department of veterans  
30 affairs naming the applicant as having an entitlement to dependency  
31 and indemnity compensation due to the death of his or her spouse; or

32       (iii) Documentation from the United States department of veterans  
33 affairs certifying the applicant's spouse as having a service  
34 connected permanent and total disability.

35       (2) For the purposes of this section, "military surviving spouse"  
36 means any person who, at the time of application for benefits under  
37 this section:

38       (a) Was the legal spouse on the date of death of a military  
39 service member that died while on active duty, active duty for  
40 training, or inactive duty training and has not remarried; or

1       (b) Is the spouse of an honorably discharged military veteran  
2 that has a service-connected permanent and total disability as  
3 determined by the United States department of veteran affairs.

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