PREFERENCE IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT TO VETERANS, THEIR WIDOWS.

AN ACT providing for preference in public employment to honorably discharged veterans and their widows amending section 73.16.010 of R.C.W.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 73.16.010 of the Revised Code of Washington derived from section 1 of chapter 84 of the Laws of 1895 as last amended by section 1 of chapter 141 of the Laws of 1943 is hereby amended to read as follows:

In every public department, and upon all public works of the state, and of any county thereof, honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines who are veterans of any war of the United States, or of any military campaign for which a campaign ribbon shall have been awarded, and their widows, shall be preferred for appointment and employment. Age, loss of limb, or other physical impairment, which does not in fact incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them, provided they possess the capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the position involved.

Section 2. Any veteran entitled to the benefits of this act may enforce his rights hereunder by civil action in the courts.

Passed the House February 1, 1951.
Passed the Senate February 21, 1951.
Approved by the Governor February 28, 1951.