

fense, and the burden shall be upon defendant to show that he comes within such exceptions.

Passed the House January 30, 1919.

Passed the Senate February 6, 1919.

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## CHAPTER 26.

[H. B. 5.]

### PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

AN ACT relating to the employment of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the United States, and their widows, in the public departments and upon all public works of the State of Washington and of any county thereof, and amending section 8925 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 8925 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Section 8925. In every public department, and upon all public works of the State of Washington, and of any county thereof, honorably discharged union soldiers and sailors, and their widows, and honorably discharged soldiers and sailors, and their widows, of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine insurrection, and of the war with Germany and her allies, 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 business capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the position involved.

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Guaranteeing preference in employment.