

the office of the Auditor of Spokane County, Washington.

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CHAPTER 274.

[H. B. 328.]

PROTECTION OF WOMEN IN MILITARY AND NAVAL SERVICE.

AN ACT relating to the protection of persons in military and naval service; amending section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1941 (section 10758-3, Rem. Supp. 1941); and declaring an emergency.

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

.SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1941 (section 10758-3, Rem. Supp. 1941), is amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 1. Any man or woman who is a resident of this state, and who, as a volunteer, or otherwise, has or shall hereafter become a member of the United States army, navy, marine corps, public health service or coast guard, or any component part or auxiliary unit thereof, or shall become a member of any other branch or auxiliary of the armed forces of the United States heretofore or hereafter created and who has been or shall be called to active service therein, and who, in order to perform such service has left or leaves a position, other than a temporary position, in the employ of any employer, and who (1) is honorably discharged or receives a certificate of satisfactory completion of active duty pursuant to section 3 (a) of the National Guard and Reserve Officers Mobilization Act, or section 8 (a) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, or furnishes other

Resident in service to be restored to former employment.

Qualification.

satisfactory proof of having satisfactorily completed such term of service; (2) is still qualified to perform the duties of such position; and (3) makes application for re-employment within forty (40) days after he is relieved from such active duty or service—(a) if such person was in the employ of a private employer, such employer shall restore said person to such position or to a position of like seniority status and pay, unless the employer's circumstances have so changed as to make it impossible or unreasonable to do so, or (b) if such person was in the employ of this state or any municipality or political subdivision thereof, such person shall be restored to such position or to a position of like seniority status and pay: *Provided, however,* That restoration shall not take place if such service exceeds the period of the tenure of office of the elective or appointive official from whom the employment flows, and provided further that the circumstances surrounding the governmental office in question have not so changed as to make restoration impossible, unreasonable or against the public interest.

Privately
employed.

Public em-
ployment.

Except when
service ex-
ceeds period
of tenure.

Effective
immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and shall take effect immediately.

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