

States of California, Oregon and Washington and ratification of the same by Congress as required by the Constitution of the United States.

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## CHAPTER 119.

[ S. B. 107. ]

### VETERANS—COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICES.

AN ACT relating to competitive examinations for public offices, positions and employment; providing for preferences for all veterans of wars of the United States; and amending section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9963-5, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-50, PPC).

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 189, Laws of 1945 (sec. 9963-5, Rem. Rev. Stat.; sec. 932-50, PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided herein, to determine the qualifications of applicants for public offices, positions or employment, the State of Washington, and all of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, shall give a preference status to all veterans, as herein defined, of all wars in which the United States of America has been, now is or may hereafter be engaged, by adding to the mark, grade or rating, based upon a possible rating of one hundred (100) points as perfect, ten per cent (10%) to his final earned test rating: *Provided*, That he has received a minimum passing grade in such examination. The term "veteran" as herein used, shall include every person who has served, now is serving, or may hereafter serve in any branch of the Armed

Preferences to veterans.

Veterans defined.

Promotional  
examina-  
tions.

Forces of the United States, the Army Transport Service, and the Merchant Marine and, upon termination of the service, has received an honorable discharge, or a physical discharge with an honorable record, or has been relieved of active services under honorable circumstances. The provisions of this act shall not be applicable to promotional examinations to determine the qualifications of officers or employees for promotion from a lower grade position to a higher grade position: *Provided*, That when such a veteran was employed in public service at the time of his entry into military service and returns to the same employment, he shall be entitled to the preference herein provided for on his first promotional examination.

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## CHAPTER 120.

[ S. B. 110. ]

### DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES—ACQUISITION OF LAND.

AN ACT authorizing the Department of Fisheries to acquire land by gift, easement, purchase, lease or condemnation for the use of the department.

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

Director  
authorized  
to acquire  
property.

SECTION 1. The Director of Fisheries is authorized to acquire by gift or easement, or whenever funds are appropriated for such purpose, by purchase, lease, or condemnation, such lands, water supplies, and rights-of-way therefor as may be deemed necessary for the use of the Department of Fisheries for hatchery sites, eyeing stations, rearing ponds, brood ponds, trap sites, dock and harbor facilities, buildings, fish and shellfish sanctuaries and rights-of-way to the nearest public highway