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**EMPLOYM'T. SERVICES FOR VETS**

**House Bill 4551**

**Sponsor: Rep. David Anthony**

**Committee: Military & Veterans Affairs**

**Complete to 3-26-93**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4551 AS INTRODUCED 3-25-93**

The bill would create the Veteran Right to Employment Services Act to require state agencies and departments that administer state or federally funded employment services or job-training programs to give first priority to certain military personnel based on specific qualifying factors and, in some cases, to the spouse of a qualifying veteran.

Under the bill and to the extent permitted by federal law, special attention and priority for helping to find or prepare for a job would have to be given, in the following order, to:

- \* a "special disabled veteran," which would mean either 1) a veteran who was entitled to, or who but for the receipt of military pay would be entitled to, compensation under any law administered by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for a disability that it rated at 30 percent or more, or 2) a veteran determined under a section of Title 38 of the U.S. Code to have a serious employment handicap and who was entitled to, or who but for the receipt of military pay would be entitled to, compensation under any law administered by the U.S. Department of Military Affairs for a disability rated by it at 10 to 20 percent;

- \* a Vietnam era veteran;

- \* a disabled veteran who was not a special disabled veteran;

- \* a "recently separated veteran," which would mean someone who had served in the armed forces for more than 180 days and separated from it without a dishonorable discharge;

- \* any other veteran; and

- \* any "other eligible person," which would mean the spouse of someone in the armed forces if that person was 1) a veteran who had a permanent and total service-connected disability or died of one, or who died "while [it] was in existence" or 2) described in a section of Title 37 of the U.S. Code as being missing, missing in action, captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force, interned in a foreign country, and/or detained in a foreign country against his or her will.

State or federally funded state agencies or departments that provided these services would have to give priority to eligible persons, in the order specified, in providing available employment and job-training services over other candidates for those services, and would have to give eligible persons a pamphlet prepared by the Department of Military Affairs that identified employment and job-training services and benefits that they could receive through other agencies or departments. In addition, each agency or department would have to prepare and submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Senate Majority Leader, and to the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees, an annual written report that separately identified each employment service or job training service or

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program provided by that agency or department to eligible persons "in each separate category" described in the bill, and the procedures each used to ensure compliance with the bill.