

HOUSE BILL 1850

By Dunn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 30, Part 3, relative to veterans preference points for state employment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-30-306(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(2) Any person who has been honorably discharged from the army, navy, air force or marine corps and has a service-connected disability or is receiving compensation, disability retirement benefits, or pension from the military or the department of veterans affairs shall have ten (10) points added to such veteran's rating, if the commissioner determines that such disability will not impair such veteran's fitness for the position sought. For purposes of qualifying pursuant to this subdivision (a)(2) any individual who received a Purple Heart shall qualify.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-30-306(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (3) and by substituting instead the following language:

(3)

(A) The spouse or surviving spouse of any veteran who would qualify under subdivision (a)(2), even if the veteran is unable to work because of a service-connected disability, or the surviving spouse of any veteran who died in the line of duty during such military service, shall have ten (10) points added to such person's rating; provided, that such surviving spouse shall not have remarried since the death of such person's veteran spouse.

(B) The mother of a veteran shall have ten (10) points added to such person's rating if the veteran:

- (i) Died in the line of duty during such military service; or
- (ii) Is permanently and totally disabled.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.