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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
146th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 136

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO VETERAN PREFERENCE IN STATE EMPLOYMENT.

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

1           Section 1. Amend § 5935, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by striking subsection (6) in its entirety and replacing it  
2 with the following:

3           “(6) Any preference points for which a veteran would qualify may be claimed by the spouse of any of the  
4 following, so long as the spouse achieves a passing examination grade:

5                   a. Any veteran who has died, so long as the widow or widower has not remarried;

6                   b. Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the  
7 priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and has been so listed for a total of more than 90 days: (A)  
8 missing in action; (B) captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or (C) forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a  
9 foreign government or power; or

10                   c. Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service connected disability.”.

SYNOPSIS

Currently Delaware law gives a preference in hiring for state employment to veterans, disabled veterans and the unremarried widow or widower of a veteran. This bill changes the law with respect to spouses of veterans to extend the hiring preference to the spouse of a member of the armed forces who is POW or MIA, as well as the spouse of a veteran who is totally disabled.