

Enrolled
Senate Bill 476

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST; Senator OLSEN, Representatives KENNEMER, PARRISH (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to disabled veterans as preferred workers eligible for reemployment assistance; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Not later than February 1, 2018, the Advisory Committee appointed under ORS 406.210 shall review, consider and report to the interim legislative committees relating to veterans whether and to what extent a disabled veteran, as defined in ORS 408.225, should qualify as a preferred worker, as defined in ORS 656.622, taking into account:

(1) The purposes of the Reemployment Assistance Program, as set forth in ORS 656.622 (1);

(2) Whether and to what extent including disabled veterans in the program would preclude nondisabling workers' compensation claims from becoming disabling claims, or reduce the possibility that nondisabling workers' compensation claims will become disabling claims, by returning injured workers who are disabled veterans to work sooner and helping workers who are disabled veterans remain employed; and

(3) Whether and to what extent assistance from the program will encourage employers to employ disabled veterans.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on December 31, 2018.

SECTION 3. This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

Passed by Senate April 13, 2017

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State