HOUSE BILL NO. HB0009

Uniformed servicemember's reemployment.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Interim Committee

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for

- 1 AN ACT relating to the Military Service Relief Act;
- 2 extending a veteran's reemployment right from four to five
- 3 years of service; excluding from eligibility persons not
- 4 honorably discharged; and providing for an effective date.

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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-11-111(a)(ii), (c)(i), (ii), by
- 9 creating a new paragraph (v) and (g)(iii) is amended to
- 10 read:

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- 12 19-11-111. Right of reinstatement to former
- 13 employment.

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- 15 (a) Any person who is absent from a position of
- 16 employment by reason of service in the uniformed services

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shall be entitled to the reemployment rights and benefits 1

- 2 and other employment benefits of this article within ten
- 3 (10) days of application for reemployment if all of the
- following conditions are met: 4

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- (ii) The cumulative length of the absence and of 6
- all previous absences from a position of employment with 7
- that employer by reason of service in the uniformed 8
- 9 services does not exceed four (4) five (5) years;

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- 11 (c) Subsection (a) of this section shall apply to a
- 12 person who is absent from a position of employment by
- reason of service in the uniformed services if such 13
- 14 person's cumulative period of service in the uniformed
- services with respect to the employer relationship for 15
- 16 which a person seeks reemployment does not exceed four (4)
- 17 five (5) years, except that any such period of service
- shall not include any service: 18

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- 20 (i) That is required, beyond four (4) five (5)
- 21 years, to complete an initial period of obligated service;

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- 23 (ii) During which the person was unable to
- 24 obtain orders releasing such person from a period of

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1 service in the uniformed services before the expiration of 2 the $\frac{\text{four }(4)}{\text{five }}$ (5) year period and such inability was 3 through no fault of such person; 4 5 (v) If the person has been discharged from the uniformed service, the discharge was an honorable 6 7 discharge. 8 9 (g) A person who submits an application for 10 reemployment in accordance with paragraph (e)(iii) or (iv) 11 of this section shall provide, upon request by the person's 12 employer, to the person's employer documentation to 13 establish the following: 14 15 (iii) The person's entitlement to the benefits 16 under this section has not been terminated by reason of 17 dishonorable discharge from service in the uniformed services If the person has been discharged from the 18 19 uniformed service, the discharge was an honorable 20 discharge. 21 22 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2005. 23 24 (END)

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