

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to preference in hiring veterans;  
 3           providing a short title; amending s. 295.188, F.S.;  
 4           authorizing a corporate income tax credit for private  
 5           employers hiring certain veterans or spouses of  
 6           veterans; providing a limitation; requiring the  
 7           Department of Revenue to adopt certain rules and  
 8           establish certain requirements; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 13           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Veterans  
 14 Preference Incentive Act."

15           Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 295.188,  
 16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17           295.188 Preference in hiring veterans for private  
 18 employers; tax credit.-

19           (4) (a) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1,  
 20 2018, a private employer that adopts an employment policy in  
 21 accordance with this section may receive a credit against the  
 22 tax imposed by chapter 220 in the amount of \$1,000 for each  
 23 employee hired pursuant to subsection (2).

24           (b) A private employer may claim credits for no more than  
 25 three eligible employees in any one tax year.

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26            (c) The Department of Revenue shall adopt rules governing  
27 the manner and form of application for the tax credit and  
28 establish qualification requirements for the tax credit.

29            Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.