1 **H. B. 3006**

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3 (By Delegates P. Smith, Walker, Hartman, Fleischauer,
4 Longstreth, Paxton, Eldridge, Barill, Jones,
5 Caputo and Ferro)
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7 [Introduced March 20, 2013; referred to the

8 Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then

9 Finance.]

10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by

11 adding thereto a new article, designated §6-13A-1, relating to

12 retaining jobs for certain disabled veterans seeking or

13 receiving treatment for active duty service-connected injury.

14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

15 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended

16 by adding thereto a new article, designated §6-13A-1, to read as

17 follows:

18 **ARTICLE 13A. JOB RETENTION FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.**

19 **§6-13A-1. Jobs to be held for certain disabled veterans seeking or**

20 **receiving treatment for service-connected injury.**

21 (a) A disabled veteran who has been employed in any position

22 in any agency as defined in section four, article one, chapter

23 five-f of this code or any other political subdivision of this

24 state and who has suffered an injury causing a compensable service-

25 connected disability while on active duty, as established by any

1 proper veterans' bureau or department of the federal government,

2 shall have his or her position retained while the veteran is

3 seeking or receiving treatment for the injury.

4   (b) To receive the benefit provided in subsection (a) of this

5 section, separation from active duty must have been under honorable

6 conditions. This includes honorable and general discharges.

7 Active duty for training in the military reserve and National Guard

8 programs is not considered active duty for purposes of this

9 section.

    NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide retention of
certain jobs for certain veterans seeking or receiving treatment
for the injury or injuries which led to the veteran's service-
connected disability.

    This article is new; therefore, it has been completely
underscored.