



SENATE BILL No. 1152

September 17, 1996, Introduced by Senators MILLER, DE BEAUSSAERT, NORTH, V. SMITH, SCHWARZ, CHERRY, PETERS and GEAKE and referred to the Committee on Human Resources, Labor and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, entitled

"An act to provide for a system of uniformity of service for veterans,"

being section 35.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of
2 1965, being section 35.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1. ~~In order to~~ TO provide for the uniformity of
5 service dates for veterans, the following dates and terms ~~shall~~
6 ~~be~~ ARE applicable to all acts of the state relative to
7 veterans:

8 (a) "Veteran" means a person ~~who served~~ WAS in the
9 active ~~military forces,~~ SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OR MERCHANT

1 MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES during a period of war or who
2 received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service
3 medal during an emergency condition, and who was discharged or
4 released ~~therefrom~~ FROM THAT SERVICE under honorable
5 conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who died WHILE in
6 active ~~military forces~~ SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OR MERCHANT
7 MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES.

8 (b) "Spanish-American war" means the period beginning on
9 April 21, 1898 ~~—~~ and ending on July 4, 1902, includes the
10 Philippine insurrection and the Boxer rebellion, and in the case
11 of a veteran who served with the United States military forces
12 engaged in hostilities in the Moro province, means the period
13 beginning on April 21, 1898 ~~—~~ and ending on July 15, 1903.

14 (c) "World War I" means the period beginning on April 6,
15 1917 ~~—~~ and ending on November 11, 1918, and in the case of a
16 veteran who served with the United States military forces in
17 Russia, means the period beginning on April 6, 1917 ~~—~~ and
18 ending on April 1, 1920.

19 (d) "World War II" means the period ~~beginning~~ FROM
20 December 7, 1941 ~~— and ending~~ THROUGH December 31, 1946. ~~—~~
21 ~~both dates inclusive.~~

22 (e) "Korean conflict" means the period between June 27, 1950
23 ~~—~~ to January 31, 1955.

24 (f) "Civil war and confederate veterans" MEANS VETERANS who
25 served between April 12, 1861 ~~—~~ and May 26, 1865.

26 (g) "Indian ~~wars~~ WAR PERIOD" MEANS JANUARY 1, 1817 THROUGH
27 DECEMBER 31, 1898. Since the Indian wars were fought

1 intermittently over a period of years, the determination as to
 2 whether a person ~~shall be considered as having~~ rendered mili-
 3 tary service during these wars will be carefully considered by
 4 the state veterans' trust fund. ~~January 1, 1817, through~~
 5 ~~December 31, 1898, is considered Indian war period.~~

6 (h) "Mexican ~~wars. Since there were several skirmishes~~
 7 ~~involving the Mexican border, such as~~ WAR PERIODS VETERAN" MEANS
 8 A VETERAN WHO SERVED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SKIRMISHES:

9 (i) THE Mexican border troubles OF 1911-1916. —

10 (ii) THE Veracruz expedition OF April 21, 1914 — to
 11 November 26, 1914. —

12 (iii) THE punitive expedition into Mexico — OF March 15,
 13 1916 — to February 5, 1917. ~~therefore the persons rendering~~
 14 ~~military service in any of these skirmishes shall be considered~~
 15 ~~veterans of the Mexican wars between 1911 and February 5, 1917.~~

16 (i) Future dates. The period beginning on the date of any
 17 future declaration of war by the congress or the beginning of an
 18 emergency condition recognized by the issuance of a presidential
 19 proclamation or a presidential executive order and in which the
 20 armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals
 21 are awarded according to presidential executive order and ending
 22 on a date prescribed by presidential proclamation or concurrent
 23 resolution of the congress.

24 (j) Veterans of the Korean conflict and veterans having
 25 served after January 31, 1955, in an area of hazardous duty for
 26 which an armed forces expeditionary or Vietnam service medal was
 27 received or veterans having served in the Vietnam era which is

1 defined to be that period beginning August 5, 1964 — and ending
2 on May 7, 1975.

3 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
4 Senate Bill No. 1153
5 of the 88th Legislature is enacted into law.