

# HOUSE BILL No. 6357

July 28, 2010, Introduced by Rep. Terry Brown and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.

A bill to amend 1965 PA 190, entitled

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

by amending section 1 (MCL 35.61), as amended by 1997 PA 131.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. In order to provide for the uniformity of service  
2           dates for veterans, the following dates and terms shall be  
3           applicable to all acts of the state relative to veterans:

4           (a) "Veteran" means a person ~~who served in the active~~  
5           military forces ~~during a period of war or who received the armed~~  
6           ~~forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an~~  
7           ~~emergency condition~~ and who was discharged or released therefrom  
8           under honorable conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who  
9           died in active military forces.

10           (b) "Spanish-American war" means the period beginning on April

1 21, 1898, and ending on July 4, 1902, includes the Philippine  
2 insurrection and the Boxer rebellion, and in the case of a veteran  
3 who served with the United States military forces engaged in  
4 hostilities in the Moro province, means the period beginning on  
5 April 21, 1898, and ending on July 15, 1903.

6 (c) "World War I" means the period beginning on April 6, 1917,  
7 and ending on November 11, 1918, and in the case of a veteran who  
8 served with the United States military forces in Russia, means the  
9 period beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on April 1, 1920.

10 (d) "World War II" means the period beginning December 7,  
11 1941, and ending December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive.

12 (e) "Korean conflict" means the period between June 27, 1950,  
13 to January 31, 1955.

14 (f) Civil war and confederate veterans who served between  
15 April 12, 1861, and May 26, 1865.

16 (g) Indian wars. Since the Indian wars were fought  
17 intermittently over a period of years, the determination as to  
18 whether a person shall be considered as having rendered military  
19 service during these wars will be carefully considered by the state  
20 veterans' trust fund. January 1, 1817, through December 31, 1898,  
21 is considered Indian war period.

22 (h) Mexican wars. Since there were several skirmishes  
23 involving the Mexican border, such as Mexican border troubles 1911-  
24 1916; Veracruz expedition April 21, 1914, to November 26, 1914;  
25 punitive expedition into Mexico, March 15, 1916, to February 5,  
26 1917; therefore the persons rendering military service in any of  
27 these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars

1 between 1911 and February 5, 1917.

2 (i) Future dates. The period beginning on the date of any  
3 future declaration of war by the congress or the beginning of an  
4 emergency condition recognized by the issuance of a presidential  
5 proclamation or a presidential executive order and in which the  
6 armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals  
7 are awarded according to presidential executive order and ending on  
8 a date prescribed by presidential proclamation or concurrent  
9 resolution of the congress.

10 (j) Veterans of the Korean conflict and veterans having served  
11 after January 31, 1955, in an area of hazardous duty for which an  
12 armed forces expeditionary or Vietnam service medal was received or  
13 veterans having served in the Vietnam era, which is that period  
14 beginning February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975.

15 (K) "COLD WAR" MEANS THE CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF HOSTILE ACTS  
16 AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BY COMMUNIST BLOC FORCES FROM SEPTEMBER  
17 2, 1945 TO DECEMBER 26, 1991.