

HOUSE BILL No. 5253

January 19, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Damrow 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 sections 1 and 2 (MCL 35.61 and 35.62), section 1 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~~ **FOR** all acts of the **THIS** state relative to veterans,
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5 ~~— (a) "Veteran"~~ **"VETERAN"** means a person ~~, who served~~ **WHO MEETS**
6 **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

7 **(A) SERVED** in the active military forces ~~, during a period of~~
8 ~~war or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other~~
9 ~~campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was~~

~~discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions.~~
~~"Veteran" also includes a person who died in active military~~
~~forces.~~**FOR 180 ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE DAYS.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~—— (h) Mexican wars. Since there were several skirmishes~~
~~involving the Mexican border, such as Mexican border troubles 1911-~~

~~1916; Veracruz expedition April 21, 1914, to November 26, 1914, punitive expedition into Mexico, March 15, 1916, to February 5, 1917; therefore the persons rendering military service in any of these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars between 1911 and February 5, 1917.~~

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

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

(B) WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED FROM THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

(C) WAS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR NOT LESS THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE ENTERING THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES OR WAS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE FOR NOT LESS THAN 3 CONTINUOUS YEARS AFTER DISCHARGE OR RELEASE FROM THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES OR DURING HIS OR HER SERVICE IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES.

Sec. 2. Veterans who served in **THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES** IN more than 1 period of ~~war service~~**TIME** may combine their active

1 ~~duty~~ days of **ACTIVE FEDERAL** service **IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES**
2 to make the ~~90~~**180 ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE** days required by ~~veteran~~
3 ~~benefit statutes or acts~~ **FOR ANY VETERAN'S BENEFITS PROVIDED BY**
4 **LAW.**