

HOUSE BILL No. 5881

October 2, 2014, Introduced by Reps. Zemke, Kandrevas, McCann, Knezek, Dianda, Irwin, Banks, Brinks, Roberts, Schor, MacMaster and Oakes and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

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~~**THIS** state relative to veterans:

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

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

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

11 (d) "World War II" means the period beginning December 7,
12 1941, and ending December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive.

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

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

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

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

1 these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars
2 between 1911 and February 5, 1917.

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

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