

# HOUSE BILL No. 4571

April 21, 2011, Introduced by Reps. Damrow, Franz, Agema, Moss, Rogers, MacGregor, Callton, Ouimet, Heise, Kurtz, Opsommer, Price, Muxlow, Gilbert, Poleski, Shirkey, LaFontaine, Rendon, Crawford, Somerville, McMillin, Outman, Hughes, Lyons, Wayne Schmidt, Genetski, Haines, Tyler, Forlini, Lund, Foster, Horn, Farrington, MacMaster, Shaughnessy, Daley, Zorn, Nathan, Liss, Cavanagh, Smiley, Stapleton, Haugh, Oakes, Bledsoe, Haveman, Scott, Pscholka, Johnson, Slavens and Jenkins 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

21, 1898 ~~—~~and ending on July 4, 1902 ~~—AND~~ includes the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer rebellion. ~~—and in the case of—~~**FOR** a veteran who served with the United States military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro province, **SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR** 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—~~**FOR** a veteran who served with the United States military forces in Russia, **WORLD WAR I** 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—~~**BEGINNING** June 27, 1950 ~~—to—~~**AND ENDING** January 31, 1955.

(f) Civil war and confederate veterans **SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE THOSE** 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—~~**SHALL** be carefully considered by the state veterans' trust fund. **FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PERIOD BEGINNING** January 1, 1817 ~~—through—~~**AND ENDING** December 31, 1898 ~~—~~is considered **THE** 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,

1 1917; ~~therefore~~ the persons rendering military service in any of  
2 these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars  
3 **THAT OCCURRED** between 1911 and February 5, 1917.

4 (i) ~~Future~~ **OTHER** dates. ~~The~~ **FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, FOR**  
5 **A CONFLICT NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED IN THIS SECTION, THE SERVICE**  
6 **DATES FOR VETERANS SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE** period beginning  
7 on the date of any future declaration of war by the congress or the  
8 beginning of an emergency condition recognized by the issuance of a  
9 presidential proclamation or a presidential executive order and in  
10 which the armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign  
11 service medals are awarded according to presidential executive  
12 order and ending on a date prescribed by presidential proclamation  
13 or concurrent resolution of the congress.

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

20 (k) **"COLD WAR" MEANS THE CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF HOSTILE ACTS**  
21 **AGAINST THE UNITED STATES BY COMMUNIST BLOC FORCES BEGINNING**  
22 **SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 AND ENDING DECEMBER 26, 1991.**