

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 ~~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~~

1 ~~discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions.~~

2 ~~"Veteran" also includes a person who died in active military~~

3 ~~forces.~~ **FOR 180 ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE DAYS.**

4 ~~—— (b) "Spanish American war" means the period beginning on April~~

5 ~~21, 1898, and ending on July 4, 1902, includes the Philippine~~

6 ~~insurrection and the Boxer rebellion, and in the case of a veteran~~

7 ~~who served with the United States military forces engaged in~~

8 ~~hostilities in the Moro province, means the period beginning on~~

9 ~~April 21, 1898, and ending on July 15, 1903.~~

10 ~~—— (c) "World War I" means the period beginning on April 6, 1917,~~

11 ~~and ending on November 11, 1918, and in the case of a veteran who~~

12 ~~served with the United States military forces in Russia, means the~~

13 ~~period beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on April 1, 1920.~~

14 ~~—— (d) "World War II" means the period beginning December 7,~~

15 ~~1941, and ending December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive.~~

16 ~~—— (e) "Korean conflict" means the period between June 27, 1950,~~

17 ~~to January 31, 1955.~~

18 ~~—— (f) Civil war and confederate veterans who served between~~

19 ~~April 12, 1861, and May 26, 1865.~~

20 ~~—— (g) Indian wars. Since the Indian wars were fought~~

21 ~~intermittently over a period of years, the determination as to~~

22 ~~whether a person shall be considered as having rendered military~~

23 ~~service during these wars will be carefully considered by the state~~

24 ~~veterans' trust fund. January 1, 1817, through December 31, 1898,~~

25 ~~is considered Indian war period.~~

26 ~~—— (h) Mexican wars. Since there were several skirmishes~~

27 ~~involving the Mexican border, such as Mexican border troubles 1911-~~

1 ~~1916; Veracruz expedition April 21, 1914, to November 26, 1914,~~
2 ~~punitive expedition into Mexico, March 15, 1916, to February 5,~~
3 ~~1917; therefore the persons rendering military service in any of~~
4 ~~these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars~~
5 ~~between 1911 and February 5, 1917.~~

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

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

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

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

26 **Sec. 2. Veterans who served in THE ACTIVE MILITARY FORCES IN**
27 **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.**