

By the Committee on Military Affairs and Domestic Security;
and Senator Geller

583-1102-07

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to periods of wartime service

3 for veterans; amending s. 1.01, F.S.;

4 redefining the term "veteran" for purposes of

5 construing the Florida Statutes to include a

6 person who served in the active military,

7 naval, or air service in Operation Enduring

8 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom; providing

9 an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraphs (h) and (i) are added to

14 subsection (14) of section 1.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 1.01 Definitions.--In construing these statutes and

16 each and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context

17 will permit:

18 (14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in

19 the active military, naval, or air service and who was

20 discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions

21 only or who later received an upgraded discharge under

22 honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United

23 States Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals

24 discharged or released with other than honorable discharges.

25 To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have

26 served in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge

27 has been authorized or a veteran must have served during one

28 of the following periods of wartime service:

29 (h) Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, and

30 ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential

31 proclamation or by law.

1 (i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: Beginning March 19, 2003
2 and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential
3 proclamation or by law.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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6 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
8 Senate Bill 0156

9 This committee substitute provides for an end date to the
10 qualifying periods for wartime service benefits granted
11 qualified veterans serving during Operation Enduring Freedom
12 and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The end date is tied to a
13 specified event which will be either a presidential
14 proclamation or by law.