

HOUSE BILL No. 5362

December 3, 1991, Introduced by Reps. DeMars, DeBeaussaert, Bartnik, Wallace, Harrison, Dobronski, Anthony, Olshove, Baade, Gagliardi, Joe Young, Sr., Varga, Profit, Yokich, Palamara, Martin, Nye, Trim, Robertson, Harder, Jacobetti and Hickner and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs,

A bill to amend section 1 of Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of 1965, entitled

"An act to provide for a system of uniformity of service for veterans,"

being section 35.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of
2 1965, being section 35.61 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 1. ~~In order to~~ TO provide for the uniformity of
5 service dates for veterans, the following dates and terms ~~shall~~
6 ~~be~~ ARE applicable to all acts of the state relative to
7 veterans:

8 (a) "Veteran" means a person, who served in the active
9 military forces ~~—~~ OR IN THE MERCHANT MARINES during a period of

1 war or who received the armed forces expeditionary or other
2 campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was
3 discharged or released ~~therefrom~~ FROM THAT SERVICE under honor-
4 able conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who died WHILE
5 SERVING in active military forces.

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

12 (c) "World War I" means the period beginning on April 6,
13 1917, and ending on November 11, 1918, and in the case of a vet-
14 eran who served with the United States military forces in Russia,
15 means the period beginning on April 6, 1917, and ending on April
16 1, 1920.

17 (d) "World War II" means the period beginning December 7,
18 1941, and ending December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive.

19 (e) "Korean conflict" means the period between June 27,
20 1950, to January 31, 1955.

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

23 (g) Indian wars. Since the Indian wars were fought inter-
24 mittently over a period of years, the determination as to whether
25 a person shall be considered as having rendered military service
26 during these wars will be carefully considered by the state

1 veterans' trust fund. January 1, 1817, through December 31,
2 1898, is considered Indian war period.

3 (h) Mexican wars. Since there were several skirmishes
4 involving the Mexican border, such as Mexican border troubles
5 1911-1916; Veracruz expedition April 21, 1914, to November 26,
6 1914; punitive expedition into Mexico, March 15, 1916, to
7 February 5, 1917; therefore the persons rendering military serv-
8 ice in any of these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of
9 the Mexican wars between 1911 and February 5, 1917.

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

18 (j) Veterans of the Korean conflict and veterans having
19 served after January 31, 1955, in an area of hazardous duty for
20 which an armed forces expeditionary or Vietnam service medal was
21 received or veterans having served in the Vietnam era which is
22 defined to be that period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on
23 May 7, 1975.

24 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
25 Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 5361 (request
26 no. 01447'91) of the 86th Legislature is enacted into law.