

HOUSE BILL No. 4903

June 10, 1997, Introduced by Reps. Schermesser, Goschka, Hanley, DeHart, Hale, McBryde, Leland, Kelly, Wojno, Prusi and Parks and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens 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).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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

5 (a) "Veteran" means a person ~~—~~ who ~~served~~ WAS in the
6 active ~~military forces,~~ SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OR MERCHANT
7 MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES during a period of war or who
8 received the armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service
9 medal during an emergency condition, and who was discharged or
10 released ~~therefrom~~ FROM THAT SERVICE under honorable

1 conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who died WHILE in
2 active ~~military forces~~ SERVICE OF THE ARMED FORCES OR MERCHANT
3 MARINES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

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

15 (d) "World War II" means the period ~~beginning~~ FROM
16 December 7, 1941 ~~—, and ending~~ THROUGH December 31, 1946. ~~—~~
17 ~~both dates inclusive.~~

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

20 (f) "Civil war and confederate veterans" MEANS VETERANS who
21 served between April 12, 1861 ~~—~~ and May 26, 1865.

22 (g) "Indian ~~wars~~ WAR PERIOD" MEANS JANUARY 1, 1817 THROUGH
23 DECEMBER 31, 1898. Since the Indian wars were fought intermit-
24 tently over a period of years, the determination as to whether a
25 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~~ WAR PERIODS VETERAN" MEANS
5 A VETERAN WHO SERVED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SKIRMISHES:

6 (i) THE Mexican border troubles OF 1911-1916. ~~—~~

7 (ii) THE Veracruz expedition OF April 21, 1914 ~~—~~ to
8 November 26, 1914. ~~—~~

9 (iii) THE punitive expedition into Mexico ~~—~~ OF March 15,
10 1916 ~~—~~ to February 5, 1917. ~~—~~ ~~therefore the persons rendering~~
11 ~~military service in any of these skirmishes shall be considered~~
12 ~~veterans of the Mexican wars between 1911 and February 5, 1917.~~

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

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

1 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take
2 effect unless Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. _____
3 (request no. 01255'97 a) of the 89th Legislature is enacted into
4 law.