

HOUSE BILL No. 5332

February 10, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Barrett and referred to the Committee on Military 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 the title and 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 TITLE

2 An act to **ESTABLISH WHO IS CONSIDERED A VETERAN IN THIS STATE;**
3 **AND TO** provide for a system of uniformity of service for veterans.

4 Sec. 1. ~~In order to provide for the uniformity of service~~
5 ~~dates for veterans, the following dates and terms shall be~~
6 ~~applicable to~~ **FOR PURPOSES OF** all acts of the state relative to
7 veterans, +

8 ~~— (a) "Veteran"~~ **"VETERAN"** means a person, ~~who served in the~~
9 ~~active military forces, during a period of war or who received the~~

~~armed forces expeditionary or other campaign service medal during an emergency condition and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions. "Veteran" also includes a person who died in active military forces.~~ **AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, INCLUDING THE RESERVE COMPONENTS, AND WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE.**

~~—— (b) "Spanish American war" means the period beginning on April 21, 1898, and ending on July 4, 1902, includes the Philippine insurrection and the Boxer rebellion, and in the case of a veteran who served with the United States military forces engaged in hostilities in the Moro province, 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 a veteran who served with the United States military forces in Russia, 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 June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955.~~

~~—— (f) Civil war and confederate veterans 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 be carefully considered by the state~~

~~veterans' trust fund. January 1, 1917, through December 31, 1998,
is considered 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,
1917, therefore the persons rendering military service in any of
these skirmishes shall be considered veterans of the Mexican wars
between 1911 and February 5, 1917.~~

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

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

Sec. 2. Veterans who served in more than 1 period of war
service may combine their active duty days of service to ~~make the~~
~~90 days~~ **SATISFY THE LENGTH OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE** required by
veteran benefit statutes or acts.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.