

By Senator Geller

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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, to

30 the conclusion of the operation.

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1        (i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, to the  
2 conclusion of the operation.

3            Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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6                            SENATE SUMMARY

7        Redefines the term "veteran" for purposes of statutory  
8        construction to include a person who served in the active  
9        military, naval, or air service in the Operation Enduring  
10       Freedom or the Operation Iraqi Freedom campaigns or  
11       expeditions.  
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