

By Senator Harris

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See HB 3135

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the construction of the  
Florida Statutes; amending s. 1.01, F.S.;  
redefining the term "veteran"; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (14) of section  
1.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1.01 Definitions.--In construing these statutes and  
each and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context  
will permit:

(14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in  
the active military, naval, or air service and who was  
discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions  
only or who later received an upgraded discharge under  
honorable conditions, notwithstanding any action by the United  
States Department of Veterans Affairs on individuals  
discharged or released with other than honorable discharges.  
To receive benefits as a wartime veteran, a veteran must have  
served during one of the following periods of wartime service:

(f) Vietnam Era: February 28, 1961 ~~August 5, 1964~~, to  
May 7, 1975.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Redefines the definition of the term "veteran" for the purposes of the Florida Statutes to include the Vietnam Era which is redefined as the period of February 28, 1961, to May 7, 1975.