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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.