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, 2005.

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6   SENATE SUMMARY

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

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