**By** the Committees on Governmental Operations; Military Affairs
and Domestic Security; and 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, and

30  ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential

31  proclamation or by law.

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 1        (i)  Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and

 2  ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential

 3  proclamation or by law.

 4        Section 2.  This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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 6          STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
                  COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
 7                       CS/SB 156

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 9  The CS replaces a word "beginning" made unnecessary by the
    grammatical structure of the phrase it introduces.

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