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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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(i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, and  
ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential  
proclamation or by law.

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