

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to periods of wartime service for
 3 veterans; amending s. 1.01, F.S.; redefining the term
 4 "veteran" for purposes of construction of the Florida
 5 Statutes to include a person who served in the active
 6 military, naval, or air service in Operation Enduring
 7 Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom; providing an effective
 8 date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraphs (h) and (i) are added to subsection
 13 (14) of section 1.01, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 1.01 Definitions.--In construing these statutes and each
 15 and every word, phrase, or part hereof, where the context will
 16 permit:

17 (14) The term "veteran" means a person who served in the
 18 active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or
 19 released therefrom under honorable conditions only or who later
 20 received an upgraded discharge under honorable conditions,
 21 notwithstanding any action by the United States Department of
 22 Veterans Affairs on individuals discharged or released with
 23 other than honorable discharges. To receive benefits as a
 24 wartime veteran, a veteran must have served in a campaign or
 25 expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized or a
 26 veteran must have served during one of the following periods of
 27 wartime service:

28 (h) Operation Enduring Freedom: October 7, 2001, to the

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29 | conclusion of the operation.

30 | (i) Operation Iraqi Freedom: March 19, 2003, to the
31 | conclusion of the operation.

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