

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: Beginning October 7, 2001,

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29 and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential  
30 proclamation or by law.

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

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