



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5663**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS TO VETERANS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as  
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,  
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means  
7 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable  
8 conditions from active service in, the armed forces; (3) "service in time  
9 of war" means service of ninety or more days except, if the war,  
10 campaign or other operation lasted less than ninety days, "service in  
11 time of war" means service for the entire duration of the war,  
12 campaign or other operation, unless separated from service earlier  
13 because of a service-connected disability rated by the Veterans'  
14 Administration, during [the Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898, to  
15 August 13, 1898; the Philippine insurrection, August 13, 1898, to July 4,  
16 1902, but as to engagements in the Moro Province, to July 15, 1903; the  
17 Boxer Rebellion, June 20, 1900, to May 12, 1901; the Cuban pacification,  
18 September 12, 1906, to April 1, 1909; the Nicaraguan campaign, August  
19 28, 1912, to November 2, 1913; the Haitian campaign, July 9, 1915, to  
20 December 6, 1915; the punitive expedition into Mexico, March 10, 1916,  
21 to April 6, 1917; World War I, April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, but

22 as to service in Russia, to April 1, 1920; World War II, December 7,  
 23 1941, to December 31, 1946; and the Korean hostilities, June 27, 1950, to  
 24 January 31, 1955; and shall include service during the Lebanon conflict,  
 25 July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958; the Berlin Airlift, August 14, 1961, to  
 26 June 1, 1962; and the Vietnam era, February 28, 1961, to July 1, 1975;  
 27 and shall include service while engaged in combat or a combat support  
 28 role during the peace-keeping mission in Lebanon, September 29, 1982,  
 29 to March 30, 1984; the invasion of Grenada, October 25, 1983, to  
 30 December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest Will, involving the escort of  
 31 Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United States flag in the Persian Gulf,  
 32 February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and the invasion of Panama,  
 33 December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990; and shall include service  
 34 during Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm, August 2,  
 35 1990, to June 30, 1994; and shall include active duty for service in the  
 36 demilitarized zone in South Korea after February 1, 1955, in Somalia  
 37 after December 2, 1992, and in Bosnia after December 20, 1995] a  
 38 "period of war", as defined in 38 USC 101, as amended, except that the  
 39 "Vietnam Era" means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and  
 40 ending on July 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include  
 41 service while engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon,  
 42 July 1, 1958, to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30,  
 43 1984; Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation  
 44 Earnest Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the  
 45 United States flag in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23,  
 46 1987; and Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall  
 47 include service during such periods with the armed forces of any  
 48 government associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

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