



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 48

LCO No. 3839

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
(APP)

**AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR VETERANS OF OPERATION
ENDURING FREEDOM.**

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

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; and
38 shall include service during the period commencing September 11,
39 2001, and lasting for the duration of Operation Enduring Freedom
40 until the cessation of hostilities as determined by the President of the
41 United States or until a date established by an act of the General
42 Assembly, and shall include service during such periods with the
43 armed forces of any government associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To include service during Operation Enduring Freedom as service in time of war for purposes of veterans' benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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