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HOUSE BILL 1737

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By Representatives Patterson, Cairnes, Mastin, Hatfield, Dickerson and Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to veterans' preferences; and amending RCW  
2 41.04.005.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.005 and 1991 c 240 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 As used in RCW 41.04.005, 41.04.010, 41.16.220, and 41.20.050  
7 "veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks the  
8 benefits of RCW ((28B.40.3617)) 41.04.005, 41.04.010, 41.16.220,  
9 41.20.050, 41.40.170, 73.04.110, or 73.08.080 has received an honorable  
10 discharge or received a discharge for physical reasons with an  
11 honorable record and who meets at least one of the following ((two))  
12 three criteria:

13 (1) The person has served between World War I and World War II or  
14 during any period of war as either (a) a member in any branch of the  
15 armed forces of the United States, (b) a member of the women's air  
16 forces service pilots, or (c) a U.S. documented merchant mariner with  
17 service aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the war shipping  
18 administration, the office of defense transportation, or their agents,  
19 during the period of armed conflict, December 7, 1941, to August 15,

1 1945, or a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army  
2 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in  
3 oceangoing service during the period of armed conflict(,{,}), December  
4 7, 1941, to August 15, 1945; ((or))

5 (2) The person has received the armed forces expeditionary medal,  
6 or marine corps and navy expeditionary medal, for opposed action on  
7 foreign soil, for service (a) in any branch of the armed forces of the  
8 United States; or (b) as a member of the women's air forces service  
9 pilots; or

10 (3) The person has served in any branch of the armed forces of the  
11 United States and was awarded the southwest Asia service medal for  
12 service in what is commonly called the "Gulf War."

13 A "period of war" includes World War I, World War II, the Korean  
14 conflict, the Vietnam era, and the period beginning on the date of any  
15 future declaration of war by the congress and ending on the date  
16 prescribed by presidential proclamation or concurrent resolution of the  
17 congress. The "Vietnam era" means the period beginning August 5, 1964,  
18 and ending on May 7, 1975.

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