

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1369**

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VETERAN BENEFITS--DEFINITION OF VETERAN

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 49 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Approved April 21, 2017 10:34 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1369** as passed by House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Hayes, Muri, Kilduff, Appleton, and Lovick)

READ FIRST TIME 02/13/17.

1            AN ACT Relating to defining veteran for the purpose of receiving  
2 certain benefits; and amending RCW 41.04.007 and 41.04.010.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2013 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            "Veteran" includes every person(~~(7)~~) who, at the time he or she  
7 seeks the benefits of RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 72.36.030, 41.04.010,  
8 73.04.090, or 43.180.250, has received an honorable discharge (~~(ex)~~),  
9 received a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record,  
10 where applicable, or is in receipt of a United States department of  
11 defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form 22, or their  
12 equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that characterizes his  
13 or her service as honorable, and who has served in at least one of  
14 the following capacities:

15            (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
16 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and  
17 has fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

18            (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

19            (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or  
20 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a

1 presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty  
2 cumulative days;

3 (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army  
4 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in  
5 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

6 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the  
7 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,  
8 1945; or

9 (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service  
10 aboard an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or  
11 its agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean  
12 territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in  
13 Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.04.010 and 2013 c 83 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 In all competitive examinations, unless otherwise provided in  
17 this section, to determine the qualifications of applicants for  
18 public offices, positions, or employment, either the state, and all  
19 of its political subdivisions and all municipal corporations, or  
20 private companies or agencies contracted with by the state to give  
21 the competitive examinations shall give a scoring criteria status to  
22 all veterans as defined in RCW 41.04.007, by adding to the passing  
23 mark, grade or rating only, based upon a possible rating of one  
24 hundred points as perfect a percentage in accordance with the  
25 following:

26 (1) Ten percent to a veteran who served during a period of war or  
27 in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 and does not receive  
28 military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the passing  
29 mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the  
30 veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in  
31 promotional examinations;

32 (2) Five percent to a veteran who did not serve during a period  
33 of war or in an armed conflict as defined in RCW 41.04.005 or is  
34 receiving military retirement. The percentage shall be added to the  
35 passing mark, grade, or rating of competitive examinations until the  
36 veteran's first appointment. The percentage shall not be utilized in  
37 promotional examinations;

38 (3) Five percent to a veteran who was called to active military  
39 service from employment with the state or any of its political

1 subdivisions or municipal corporations. The percentage shall be added  
2 to promotional examinations until the first promotion only;  
3 (4) All veterans' scoring criteria may be claimed:  
4 (a) Upon release from active military service with an honorable  
5 discharge or a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable  
6 record, where applicable; or  
7 (b) Upon receipt of ((~~separation orders indicating an honorable~~  
8 ~~discharge, issued by the respective military department)~~) a United  
9 States department of defense discharge document DD form 214, NGB form  
10 22, or their equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that  
11 characterizes his or her service as honorable.

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