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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2701

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**By** House Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Bergquist, Holy, Klippert, Stonier, Lytton, Maycumber, Muri, McDonald, and Ortiz-Self; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board)

READ FIRST TIME 01/30/18.

1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of veteran; and reenacting and  
2 amending RCW 41.04.005.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.005 and 2005 c 255 s 1 and 2005 c 247 s 1 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 (1) As used in RCW 41.04.005, 41.16.220, 41.20.050, and  
7 41.40.170(~~(, and 28B.15.380)~~) "veteran" includes every person, who at  
8 the time he or she seeks the benefits of RCW 41.04.005, 41.16.220,  
9 41.20.050, or 41.40.170(~~(, or 28B.15.380)~~) has received an honorable  
10 discharge, is actively serving honorably, or received a discharge for  
11 physical reasons with an honorable record and who meets at least one  
12 of the following criteria:

13 (a) The person has served between World War I and World War II or  
14 during any period of war, as defined in subsection (2) of this  
15 section, as either:

16 (i) A member in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
17 States;

18 (ii) A member of the women's air forces service pilots;

19 (iii) A U.S. documented merchant mariner with service aboard an  
20 oceangoing vessel operated by the war shipping administration, the

1 office of defense transportation, or their agents, from December 7,  
2 1941, through December 31, 1946; or

3 (iv) 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 or

7 (b) The person has received the armed forces expeditionary medal,  
8 or marine corps and navy expeditionary medal, for opposed action on  
9 foreign soil, for service:

10 (i) In any branch of the armed forces of the United States; or

11 (ii) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots.

12 (2) A "period of war" includes:

13 (a) World War I;

14 (b) World War II;

15 (c) The Korean conflict;

16 (d) The Vietnam era, which means:

17 (i) The period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May  
18 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of  
19 Vietnam during that period;

20 (ii) The period beginning August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7,  
21 1975;

22 (e) The Persian Gulf War, which was the period beginning August  
23 2, 1990, and ending on ~~((the date prescribed by presidential~~  
24 ~~proclamation or law))~~ February 28, 1991, or ending on November 30,  
25 1995, if the participant was awarded a campaign badge or medal for  
26 such period;

27 (f) The period beginning on the date of any future declaration of  
28 war by the congress and ending on the date prescribed by presidential  
29 proclamation or concurrent resolution of the congress; and

30 (g) The following armed conflicts, if the participant was awarded  
31 the respective campaign badge or medal, or if the service was such  
32 that a campaign badge or medal would have been awarded, except that  
33 the member already received a campaign badge or medal for a prior  
34 deployment during that same conflict: The crisis in Lebanon; the  
35 invasion of Grenada; Panama, Operation Just Cause; Somalia, Operation  
36 Restore Hope; Haiti, Operation Uphold Democracy; Bosnia, Operation  
37 Joint Endeavor; Operation Noble Eagle; southern or central Asia,  
38 Operation Enduring Freedom; ~~((and))~~ Persian Gulf, Operation Iraqi

1 Freedom; Iraq and Syria, Operation Inherent Resolve; and Afghanistan,  
2 Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

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