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3 By Senator Swecker

4 On page 2, line 1, after "during" strike everything through "1945"  
5 on line 2, and insert "~~((the period of armed conflict, December 7,~~  
6 ~~1941, to August 15, 1945))~~ any period of armed conflict"

7 On page 4, after line 12, insert the following:

8 "Sec. 3. RCW 41.40.170 and 1991 c 35 s 78 are each amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 (1) A member who has served or shall serve on active federal  
11 service in the military or naval forces of the United States or who is  
12 a U.S. documented merchant mariner with service aboard an ocean going  
13 vessel in a war zone and who left or shall leave an employer to enter  
14 such service shall be deemed to be on military leave of absence if he  
15 or she has resumed or shall resume employment as an employee within one  
16 year from termination thereof.

17 (2) If he or she has applied or shall apply for reinstatement of  
18 employment, within one year from termination of the military or  
19 merchant marine service, and is refused employment for reasons beyond  
20 his or her control, he or she shall, upon resumption of service within  
21 ten years have such service credited to him or her.

22 (3) In any event, after completing twenty-five years of creditable  
23 service, any member may have service in the armed forces or merchant  
24 marines credited to him or her as a member whether or not he or she  
25 left the employ of an employer to enter the armed or merchant marine  
26 service: PROVIDED, That in no instance, described in this section,  
27 shall military or merchant marine service in excess of five years be  
28 credited: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That in each instance the member must  
29 restore all withdrawn accumulated contributions, which restoration must  
30 be completed within five years of membership service following the  
31 first resumption of employment or complete twenty-five years of  
32 creditable service: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section will not  
33 apply to any individual, not a veteran within the meaning of RCW  
34 41.04.005(~~(, as now or hereafter amended)~~): AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That

1 in no instance, described in this section, shall military or merchant  
2 marine service be credited to any member who is receiving full military  
3 retirement benefits pursuant to Title 10 United States Code."

Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal references accordingly

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On page 1, line 2 of the title, strike "and 41.04.010" and insert "41.04.010 and 41.40.170"

**EFFECT:** Includes all merchant marines who have served in a period of armed conflict in the definition of veteran, rather than just merchant marines who served during World War II. The amendment also allows merchant marines to receive credit for service under the Public Employees Retirement System.

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