
SENATE BILL 5245

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By Senators Hobbs, Bailey, and Fortunato

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

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, who at the time he or she seeks
7 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, is in
9 receipt of separation orders or documents that characterize his or
10 her service as honorable, or received a discharge for medical reasons
11 with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served in at
12 least one of the following capacities:

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

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

17 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or
18 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a
19 presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty
20 cumulative days;

1 (4) As 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 from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

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

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

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