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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 943

House of Representatives, March 13, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Theriault of Rumford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Revise the Service Requirements for Maine Veterans to Determine
Eligibility for Veterans Benefits.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

37-A MRSA § 28, sub-§ 3, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 432, § 4, is further amended to read:

A veteran of the Viet Nam War shall have served on active duty for a period of more than ~~180~~ 90 days, any part of which occurred after August 4, 1964 and before May 7, 1975, except if he died in service or was discharged for a service-connected disability after such date.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill places the Viet Nam era veteran on an equal footing with prior veterans, who were only required to have 90 days active duty. This requirement parallels federal veterans administration requirements.