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H.P. 351

House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

**An Act To Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in
the Armed Forces of the United States under the State Retirement
System**

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PEOPLES of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland and
Representatives: BABINE of Scarborough, CAIAZZO of Scarborough, FECTEAU of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17760, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 693, §3, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. For purposes of this subsection, "federally recognized period of conflict" means
5 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 or to March 31, 1920 if service
6 was in Russia; World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; the Korean
7 Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; the Vietnam War, August 5, 1964 to
8 May 7, 1975 and the period beginning on February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7,
9 1975 in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that
10 period; operations in Lebanon, August 21, 1982 to February 26, 1984; operations in
11 Grenada, October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983; operations in Panama, December
12 21, 1989 to February 13, 1990; and the Persian Gulf War, August 7, 1990 to the date
13 that the United States Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War.

14 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §18360, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 249, §29, is
15 further amended to read:

16 E. Except as provided in paragraph I, a member who served in the armed forces
17 during any federally recognized period of conflict, is entitled to service credit under
18 this subsection. For purposes of this paragraph, "federally recognized period of
19 conflict" means World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 or to March 31,
20 1920 if service was in Russia; World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31,
21 1946; the Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; the Vietnam War,
22 August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975 and the period beginning on February 28, 1961 and
23 ending on May 7, 1975 in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of
24 Vietnam during that period; operations in Lebanon, August 21, 1982 to February 26,
25 1984; operations in Grenada, October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983; operations in
26 Panama, December 21, 1989 to February 13, 1990; and the Persian Gulf War, August
27 7, 1990 to the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of the
28 Persian Gulf War.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill amends the state retirement system laws governing creditable service for
31 service in the United States Armed Forces to provide credit for service during operations
32 in Lebanon, August 21, 1982 to February 26, 1984; operations in Grenada, October 25,
33 1983 to December 15, 1983; and operations in Panama, December 21, 1989 to February
34 13, 1990.