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In Senate, February 11, 2025

**An Act to Amend the Eligibility Criteria for Creditable Service in
the Armed Forces of the United States Under the Maine Public
Employees Retirement System**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator STEWART of Aroostook.

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 was
6 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 May
8 7, 1975 and the period beginning on February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7, 1975 in
9 the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period;
10 operations in Lebanon, August 21, 1982 to February 26, 1984; operations in Grenada,
11 October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983; and the Persian Gulf War, August 7, 1990 to
12 the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf
13 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 during
17 any federally recognized period of conflict, is entitled to service credit under this
18 subsection. For purposes of this paragraph, "federally recognized period of conflict"
19 means World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 or to March 31, 1920 if
20 service was in Russia; World War II, December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; the
21 Korean Conflict, June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; the Vietnam War, August 5, 1964
22 to May 7, 1975 and the period beginning on February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7,
23 1975 in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period;
24 operations in Lebanon, August 21, 1982 to February 26, 1984; operations in Grenada,
25 October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983; and the Persian Gulf War, August 7, 1990 to
26 the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf
27 War.

28 **SUMMARY**

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