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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1596, L.D. 1886, Bill,
"AN ACT Establishing the Termination Date of the Viet Nam
War for Purposes of Certain Veteran's Benefits under State
Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA §4653, 3rd ¶ from the end, as amended further by PL 1967, c. 67, §4, is/amended to read:

As used in this section the term "veteran" shall mean a person who has served in the active military or naval service of the United States at any time on or after September 16, 1940 and prior to July 26, 1947, or at any time on or after April 6, 1917 and prior to November 11, 1918, or at any time on or after June 27, 1950 and prior to February 1, 1955, or at any time on or after August 5, 1964 and-the-date-on-which-hostilities-are declared-ended-by-the-Congress-or-proclamation-of-the-President and before May 7, 1975, and who shall have been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable. The term "serviceman" shall mean a person in the active military or naval service of the United States who has served therein on or after September 16, 1940 and prior to July 26, 1947, or at any time on or after April 6, 1917 and prior to November 11, 1918, or at any time on or after June 27, 1950 and prior to February 1, 1955, or at any time between August 5, 1964 and-the-date-on-which-hostilities-are-declared-ended-by

the-Congress-or-proclamation-of-the-President and before May 7, 1975.

Sec. 3. 36 MPSA §653, sub-§1, ¶E, last 2 sentences, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 67, §5, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A veteran of the Viet Nam War shall have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred after August 4, 1964 and before May 7, 1975, except that if he died in service or was discharged for a service-connected disability after such date. The "Viet Nam War" shall mean that period between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975;

Sec. 4. 37-A MRSA §28, sub-§3, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 580, §1, is amended to read:

A veteran of the Viet Nam War shall have served on active duty for a period of more than 180 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.

Sec. 5. 37-A MRSA §28, sub-§5, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 580, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The term "Viet Nam War" shall mean that period between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering section 2 to be section 6.

Statement of Fact

This amendment includes additional provisions of the veterans laws in establishing the date of termination of the Viet Nam $$\operatorname{\textsc{War}}$.$

Reported by the Committee on Veterans and Retirement.

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