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House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative JOSEPH of Waterville.

Cosponsored by Representative HICKEY of Augusta, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Change the Dates for Burial Eligibility at the Maine
Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.



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

3 **37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶A-1**, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 117,
5 §2, is amended to read:

7 A-1. As used in this subsection, unless the context
9 indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following
11 meanings.

13 (1) "Eligible dependent" means the wife, husband,
15 surviving spouse, unmarried minor child or unmarried
17 adult child who became incapable of self-support before
19 reaching 18 years of age on account of mental or
21 physical defects.

23 (2) "Eligible veteran" means any person who:

25 (a) Served on active duty in the United States
27 Armed Forces during any federally recognized
29 period of conflict, served on active duty in the
31 United States Armed Forces in Vietnam, December
33 22, 1961 to August 5, 1964 or was eligible for an
35 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or campaign
37 medal, and who:

39 (i) If discharged, received an honorable
41 discharge or a general discharge under
43 honorable conditions, provided that the
45 discharge was not upgraded through a program
47 of general amnesty; and

49 (ii) Was a resident of the State at the time
51 of entering military service, his death or
 the death of an eligible dependent;

 (b) Served in the Maine National Guard and died
 as a result of injury, disease or illness
 sustained while serving on state active duty as
 provided in chapter 3, subchapter III; or

 (c) Served in the Armed Forces in the United
 States at any time and was killed or died as a
 result of hostile action and was a resident of the
 State at the time of entering military service, at
 the time of his death or at the time of the death
 of an eligible dependent.

 (3) "Federally recognized period of conflict" means
 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, March
 31, 1920, if service was in Russia; World War II,
 December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict,

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June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955; and the Viet Nam War, August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill allows veterans who served in Vietnam between December 22, 1961 and August 5, 1964, to be buried in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.