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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 787, L.D. 1060, Bill, "An Act Concerning Rights and Privileges for Maine Veterans of the Persian Gulf War"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §38, is amended to read:

D. "War, campaign or expedition" means any of the following periods:

- (1) April 6, 1917, to November 10, 1918;
- (2) December 7, 1941, to September 1, 1945;
- (3) June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955; and
- (4) August 5, 1964, to May 7, 1975; and
- (5) August 7, 1990 to April 11, 1991.

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §7054, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1985, c. 811, is further amended to read:

A. A veteran who served on active duty in any of the Armed Forces for at least 90 days consecutively during a war, campaign or expedition and who was honorably separated shall must be accorded a 5-point preference.

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A 5-point preference shall ~~must~~ also be ~~awarded~~ accorded a veteran who served on active duty in any of the Armed Forces for at least 90 consecutive days and who, during that time:

(1) Served in the expedition to Grenada at any time from October 25, 1983, to November 2, 1983; or

(2) Served in the mission in Lebanon at any time from August 25, 1983, to February 24, 1984; or

(3) Served in Panama at any time from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 3.

Further amend the bill in section 7 in paragraph E in the last sentence (page 3, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in the Persian Gulf region".

Further amend the bill by renumbering the sections to read consecutively.

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This will recognize veterans of the Persian Gulf War as active duty veterans and entitles them to certain benefits, including burial rights at the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, property tax exemption and others. The additional General Fund appropriations required by the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery for future additional burials can not be determined at this time.

The additional costs to include Persian Gulf War veterans in the Veterans Tax Reimbursement program can be absorbed by the Bureau of Taxation utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Allowing employees to purchase military time served in he Persian Gulf War for retirement purposes will increase the unfunded liability of the Maine State Retirement System. This amount and the effect on future employer contribution rates by the State for state employees and teachers can not be estimated at this time.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This amendment clarifies that the veterans preference in state service and the tax exemption granted to veterans apply to all persons on active duty during the Persian Gulf War, not just those serving in the Persian Gulf region. The amendment also expands the veterans preference in state service to include those individuals who served in Panama at any time from December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990. The amendment removes the section on complimentary fishing and hunting licenses for disabled war veterans. The amendment also adds a fiscal note.

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