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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 259

House of Representatives, February 2, 2023

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

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: O'CONNELL of Brewer, RIELLY of Westbrook.

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.