



HOUSE BILL No. 5549

April 13, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Howell and referred to the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs.

A bill to amend 1946 (1st Ex Sess) PA 9, entitled

"An act to create the Michigan veterans' trust fund, and to define who shall be eligible to receive assistance therefrom; to provide for the disbursement of the income thereof and surplus therein; to create a board of trustees, and to prescribe its powers and duties; to provide for county and district committees, and their powers, duties, and expenses; to prescribe penalties; and to make appropriations to carry out the provisions of this act,"

by amending section 2 (MCL 35.602).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. ~~For the purposes of the administration of~~ **AS USED IN**
2 this act, a ~~Michigan~~ "veteran" as defined by Act No. 190 of the
3 Public Acts of 1965, as amended, shall be deemed to be a person,
4 ~~male or female, whose~~ **MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS ALL OF THE**
5 **FOLLOWING:**

6 **(A) IS A VETERAN AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF 1965 PA 190, MCL**
7 **35.61.**

House Bill No. 5549 as amended April 28, 2016

1 ~~STATES ARMED FORCES. HOWEVER, AN INDIVIDUAL who shall have been~~
 2 ~~separated FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES for reason of~~
 3 ~~physical or mental disability incurred in the line of duty prior to~~
 4 ~~the completion of 180 days' service shall be considered a veteran~~
 5 ~~for the purpose of the administration of this act. World War II~~
 6 ~~shall be deemed to be that period from and after August 27, 1940,~~
 7 ~~to the inclusive date of June 30, 1946. Grants made to eligible~~
 8 ~~Michigan veterans between June 30, 1946, and the effective date of~~
 9 ~~this act are declared valid. A person otherwise qualified with at~~
 10 ~~least 90 days of service during World War I, Spanish American War~~
 11 ~~or Mexican Wars, as defined in Act No. 190 of the Public Acts of~~
 12 ~~1965, as amended, shall be deemed a veteran for the purposes of~~
 13 ~~this act.~~ **IS CONSIDERED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF THIS SUBDIVISION. [AS**
USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "PERIOD OF WAR" MEANS THAT PHRASE AS DESCRIBED
IN 38 CFR 3.2, EXCEPT THAT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "PERIOD OF
WAR" FOR THE VIETNAM ERA MEANS THE FOLLOWING:
 (i) **FEBRUARY 28, 1961 THROUGH MAY 7, 1975 FOR A VETERAN WHO SERVED**
DURING THAT PERIOD.
 (ii) **ON OR AFTER JANUARY 31, 1955 IN AN AREA OF HAZARDOUS DUTY FOR**
WHICH THE VETERAN RECEIVED AN ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL OR VIETNAM
SERVICE MEDAL.]

14 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
 15 after the date it is enacted into law.

16 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
 17 unless House Bill No. 5332 of the 98th Legislature is enacted into
 18 law.