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HOUSE BILL 2546

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1            AN ACT Relating to the definition of veteran; and reenacting and  
2 amending RCW 41.04.007.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2005 c 251 s 1 and 2005 c 216 s 7 are  
5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6            "Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks  
7 the benefits of RCW 46.16.30920, 72.36.030, 41.04.010, 73.04.090,  
8 73.04.110, 73.08.010, (~~(73.08.060,)~~) 73.08.070, or 73.08.080 has  
9 received an honorable discharge or received a discharge for medical  
10 reasons with an honorable record, where applicable, and who has served  
11 in at least one of the following capacities:

12            (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
13 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has  
14 fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

15            (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

16            (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or  
17 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential  
18 select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days;

1           (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army  
2 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in  
3 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

4           (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the  
5 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,  
6 1945; or

7           (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service aboard  
8 an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or its  
9 agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean  
10 territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in  
11 Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

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