
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5245

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By Senate State Government (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs, Bailey, and Fortunato)

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1 AN ACT Relating to defining veteran for the purpose of receiving
2 certain benefits; and 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 2013 c 42 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 "Veteran" includes every person((7)) who, at the time he or she
7 seeks the benefits of RCW 46.18.212, 46.18.235, 72.36.030, 41.04.010,
8 73.04.090, or 43.180.250, has received an honorable discharge, is in
9 receipt of a United States department of defense discharge document
10 DD form 214, or its equivalent or successor discharge paperwork, that
11 characterizes his or her service as honorable, or received a
12 discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where
13 applicable, and who has served in at least one of the following
14 capacities:

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

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

19 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or
20 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a

1 presidential select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty
2 cumulative days;

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

6 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the
7 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,
8 1945; or

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

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