

LEGISLATIVE BILL 799

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Introduced by Appropriations Committee: Wehrbein, 2, Chairperson;
Beutler, 28; Cudaback, 36; Engel, 17; Kruse, 13;
D. Pederson, 42; Price, 26; Synowiecki, 7; Thompson, 14

AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend section 80-401.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002; to redefine veteran of the Vietnam War; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 80-401.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is amended to read:

80-401.01. For purposes of sections 80-401 to 80-412, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Recognized veterans organization means the American Legion, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and any other veterans organization which the Director of Veterans' Affairs determines (a) is recognized by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for claims representation, (b) has a presence in each of this state's congressional districts, and (c) maintains a state headquarters sanctioned by its national organization;

(2) Veteran of the Spanish-American War means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between April 21, 1898, and July 4, 1902, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war;

(3) Veteran of World War I means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who has received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a resident of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war;

(4) Veteran of World War II means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between December 7, 1941, and December 31, 1946, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(5) Veteran of the Korean War means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(6) Veteran of the Vietnam War means a person (a) who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States (i) between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, or (ii) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, and (b) who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(7) Veteran of Lebanon means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between August 25, 1982, and February 26, 1984, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(8) Veteran of Grenada means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between October 23, 1983, and November 23, 1983, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his

or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(9) Veteran of Panama means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between December 20, 1989, and January 31, 1990, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(10) Veteran of the Persian Gulf War means a person who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States beginning on August 2, 1990, and ending on the date thereafter prescribed by presidential proclamation or by law, and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service or who, being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States in that war and who received an honorable discharge, or its equivalent, from such service;

(11) Active duty means full-time duty in the armed forces other than active duty for training; and

(12) Active duty for training means full-time duty in the armed forces performed by reserves for training purposes.

Sec. 2. Original section 80-401.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.