

ASSEMBLY, No. 164

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

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By Assemblymen ~~GIBSON and ASSELTA~~

1 AN ACT concerning the qualification of certain persons as veterans for
2 certain purposes, amending various parts of the statutory law and
3 supplementing P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-1 et seq.) and article of
4 chapter 66 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. N.J.S.11A:5-1 is amended to read as follows:

10 11A:5-1. Definitions. As used in this chapter:

11 a. "Disabled veteran" means any veteran who is eligible to be
12 compensated for a service-connected disability from war service by the
13 United States Veterans Administration or who receives or is entitled
14 to receive equivalent compensation for a service-connected disability
15 which arises out of military or naval service as set forth in this chapter
16 and who has submitted sufficient evidence of the record of disability
17 incurred in the line of duty to the commissioner on or before the
18 closing date for filing an application for an examination;

19 b. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged soldier, sailor,
20 marine or nurse who served in any army or navy of the allies of the
21 United States in World War I, between July 14, 1914 and
22 November 11, 1918, or who served in any army or navy of the allies
23 of the United States in World War II, between September 1, 1939 and
24 September 2, 1945 and who was inducted into that service through
25 voluntary enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the time
26 of the enlistment, and who did not renounce or lose his or her United
27 States citizenship; or any soldier, sailor, marine, airman, nurse or army
28 field clerk, who has served in the active military or naval service of the
29 United States and has been discharged or released under other than
30 dishonorable conditions from that service in any of the following wars
31 or conflicts and who has presented to the commissioner sufficient
32 evidence of the record of service on or before the closing date for

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 filing an application for an examination:

2 (1) World War I, between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918;

3 (2) World War II, on or after September 16, 1940, who shall have
4 served at least 90 days beginning on or before December 31, 1946 in
5 such active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course
6 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
7 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
8 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as
9 a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies; except that any
10 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
11 classed a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day
12 service;

13 (3) Korean conflict, on or after June 23, 1950, who shall have
14 served at least 90 days beginning on or before January 31, 1955, in
15 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
16 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or
17 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation
18 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or
19 midshipman at one of the service academies; except that any person
20 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed
21 as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the 90-day
22 service;

23 (4) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, who shall
24 have served at least 90 days beginning on or before May 7, 1975, in
25 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment for a course of
26 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or
27 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation
28 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or as a cadet or
29 midshipman at one of the service academies, and exclusive of any
30 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title
31 10, United States Code, or exclusive of any service performed
32 pursuant to enlistment in the National Guard or the Army Reserve,
33 Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast
34 Guard Reserve; except that any person receiving an actual
35 service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran,
36 whether or not that person has completed the 90-day service as
37 provided;

38 (5) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
39 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
40 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,
41 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or
42 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as
43 proclaimed by the President of the United States[,]or Congress [or the
44 Governor], whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active
45 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
46 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that

1 person has completed the 14 days service as herein provided;

2 (6) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after [October 25, 1983]
3 October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship
4 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
5 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
6 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
7 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
8 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
9 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
10 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
11 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
12 days service as herein provided;

13 (7) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989
14 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President
15 of the United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date
16 of inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
17 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
18 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
19 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination
20 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United
21 States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of termination
22 is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving
23 an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
24 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days service
25 as herein provided;

26 (8) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian
27 peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date
28 of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the
29 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
30 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
31 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a
32 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing
33 on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by
34 the President of the United States, Congress or the Governor,
35 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
36 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
37 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
38 has completed the 14 days service as herein provided.

39 c. "War service" means service by a veteran in any war or conflict
40 described in this chapter during the periods specified.

41 (cf: P.L.1991, c.390, s.1)

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43 2. N.J.S.18A:66-2 is amended to read as follows:

44 18A:66-2. As used in this article:

45 a. "Accumulated deductions" means the sum of all the amounts,
46 deducted from the compensation of a member or contributed by or in

- 1 behalf of the member, including interest credited to January 1, 1956,
2 standing to the credit of the member's individual account in the annuity
3 savings fund.
- 4 b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the accumulated
5 deductions of a member as provided in this article.
- 6 c. "Beneficiary" means any person receiving a retirement allowance
7 or other benefit as provided in this article.
- 8 d. "Compensation" means the contractual salary, for services as a
9 teacher as defined in this article, which is in accordance with
10 established salary policies of the member's employer for all employees
11 in the same position but shall not include individual salary adjustments
12 which are granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement
13 or additional remuneration for performing temporary or extracurricular
14 duties beyond the regular school day or the regular school year.
- 15 e. "Employer" means the State, the board of education or any
16 educational institution or agency of or within the State by which a
17 teacher is paid.
- 18 f. "Final compensation" means the average annual compensation
19 for which contributions are made for the three years of creditable
20 service in New Jersey immediately preceding the member's retirement
21 or death, or it shall mean the average annual compensation for New
22 Jersey service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal
23 years of his or her membership providing the largest possible benefit
24 to the member or the member's beneficiary.
- 25 g. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1, and
26 ending with June 30, next following.
- 27 h. "Pension" means payments for life derived from appropriations
28 made by the State or employers to the Teachers' Pension and Annuity
29 Fund.
- 30 i. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments to be
31 made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an annuity,
32 granted under the provisions of this article, computed on the basis of
33 such mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of
34 trustees adopts, with regular interest.
- 35 j. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to be
36 made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of a pension granted
37 to a member from the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund, computed
38 on the basis of such mortality tables recommended by the actuary as
39 the board of trustees adopts, with regular interest.
- 40 k. "Present-entrant" means any member of the Teachers' Pension
41 and Annuity Fund who had established status as a "present-entrant
42 member" of said fund prior to January 1, 1956.
- 43 l. "Rate of contribution initially certified" means the rate of
44 contribution certified by the retirement system in accordance with
45 N.J.S.18A:66-29.
- 46 m. "Regular interest" shall mean interest as determined by the State

1 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of
2 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It
3 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of earnings
4 on investments based on the market value of assets but shall not
5 exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to salaries plus
6 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall not set the
7 average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries below 6%.

8 n. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.

9 o. "School service" means any service as a "teacher" as defined in
10 this section.

11 p. "Teacher" means any regular teacher, special teacher, helping
12 teacher, teacher clerk, principal, vice-principal, supervisor, supervising
13 principal, director, superintendent, city superintendent, assistant city
14 superintendent, county superintendent, State Commissioner or
15 Assistant Commissioner of Education, members of the State
16 Department of Education who are certificated, unclassified
17 professional staff and other members of the teaching or professional
18 staff of any class, public school, high school, normal school, model
19 school, training school, vocational school, truant reformatory school,
20 or parental school, and of any and all classes or schools within the
21 State conducted under the order and superintendence, and wholly or
22 partly at the expense of the State Board of Education, of a duly
23 elected or appointed board of education, board of school directors, or
24 board of trustees of the State or of any school district or normal
25 school district thereof, and any persons under contract or engagement
26 to perform one or more of these functions. It shall also mean any
27 person who serves, while on an approved leave of absence from
28 regular duties as a teacher, as an officer of a local, county or State
29 labor organization which represents, or is affiliated with an
30 organization which represents, teachers as defined in this subsection.
31 No person shall be deemed a teacher within the meaning of this article
32 who is a substitute teacher. In all cases of doubt the board of trustees
33 shall determine whether any person is a teacher as defined in this
34 article.

35 q. "Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund," hereinafter referred to
36 as the "retirement system" or "system," is the corporate name of the
37 arrangement for the payment of retirement allowances and other
38 benefits under the provisions of this article, including the several funds
39 placed under said system. By that name all its business shall be
40 transacted, its funds invested, warrants for money drawn, and
41 payments made and all of its cash and securities and other property
42 held.

43 r. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged officer, soldier,
44 sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served in any Army, Air Force or
45 Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War I between

1 July 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who served in any Army,
2 Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War II,
3 between September 1, 1939, and September 2, 1945, and who was
4 inducted into such service through voluntary enlistment, and was a
5 citizen of the United States at the time of such enlistment, and who did
6 not, during or by reason of such service, renounce or lose United
7 States citizenship, and any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, airman,
8 nurse or army field clerk who has served in the active military or naval
9 service of the United States and has or shall be discharged or released
10 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the
11 following wars, uprisings, insurrections, expeditions or emergencies,
12 and who has presented to the retirement system evidence of such
13 record of service in form and content satisfactory to said retirement
14 system:

15 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods
16 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of
17 active hostility;

18 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and
19 April 11, 1899;

20 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods
21 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active
22 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

23 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and
24 May 27, 1902

25 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and
26 May 20, 1902;

27 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and
28 April 1, 1909;

29 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and
30 February 7, 1917;

31 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in
32 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,
33 1919;

34 (9) World War I, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

35 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and
36 December 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
37 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course
38 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
39 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
40 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
41 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of
42 which 90 days was served between said dates; provided that any
43 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
44 classed as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the
45 90-day service as herein provided;

46 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to

1 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active
2 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of
3 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or
4 the Navy College Training Program, which course was a continuation
5 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet
6 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90
7 days was served between said dates; provided that any person
8 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed
9 as a veteran, whether or not that person has completed the 90-day
10 service as herein provided; and provided further that any member
11 classed as a veteran pursuant to this subsection prior to August 1,
12 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran, whether or not that
13 person completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein
14 provided;

15 (12) Vietnam conflict, on or after December 31, 1960, and on or
16 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
17 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course
18 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
19 or the Navy College Training Program, which course was a
20 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
21 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of
22 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any
23 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title
24 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army
25 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval
26 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard
27 Reserve; provided that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
28 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran, whether or not that
29 person has completed the 90-day service as herein provided;

30 (13) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
31 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
32 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,
33 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or
34 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as
35 proclaimed by the President of the United States[,]or Congress [or the
36 Governor], whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active
37 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
38 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
39 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

40 (14) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after [October 25, 1983]
41 October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship
42 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
43 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
44 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
45 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
46 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of

1 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
2 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
3 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
4 days' service as herein provided;

5 (15) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989
6 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President
7 of the United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date
8 of inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
9 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
10 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
11 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination
12 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United
13 States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of termination
14 is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving
15 an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
16 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service
17 as herein provided;

18 (16) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian
19 peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date
20 of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the
21 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
22 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
23 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a
24 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing
25 on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by
26 the President of the United States, Congress or the Governor,
27 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
28 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
29 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
30 has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided.

31 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the
32 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is
33 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
34 federal veterans' benefits.

35 s. "Child" means a deceased member's unmarried child either (a)
36 under the age of 18 or (b) of any age who, at the time of the member's
37 death, is disabled because of mental retardation or physical incapacity,
38 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the impairment
39 and the impairment has lasted or can be expected to last for a
40 continuous period of not less than 12 months, as affirmed by the
41 medical board.

42 t. "Widower" means the man to whom a member was married at
43 least five years before the date of her death and to whom she
44 continued to be married until the date of her death and who was
45 receiving at least one-half of his support from the member in the
46 12-month period immediately preceding the member's death or the

1 accident which was the direct cause of the member's death. The
2 dependency of such a widower will be considered terminated by
3 marriage of the widower subsequent to the death of the member. In
4 the event of the payment of an accidental death benefit, the five-year
5 qualification shall be waived.

6 u. "Widow" means the woman to whom a member was married at
7 least five years before the date of his death and to whom he continued
8 to be married until the date of his death and who was receiving at least
9 one-half of her support from the member in the 12-month period
10 immediately preceding the member's death or the accident which was
11 the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of such a
12 widow will be considered terminated by the marriage of the widow
13 subsequent to the member's death. In the event of the payment of an
14 accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall be waived.

15 v. "Parent" means the parent of a member who was receiving at
16 least one-half of the parent's support from the member in the 12-month
17 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident
18 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of
19 such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the parent
20 subsequent to the death of the member.

21 w. "Medical board" means the board of physicians provided for in
22 N.J.S.18A:66-56.

23 (cf: P.L.1992, c.125, s.1)

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25 3. Section 6 of P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-6) is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 6. As used in this act:

28 a. "Accumulated deductions" means the sum of all the amounts,
29 deducted from the compensation of a member or contributed by or on
30 behalf of the member, standing to the credit of the member's individual
31 account in the annuity savings fund.

32 b. "Annuity" means payments for life derived from the accumulated
33 deductions of a member as provided in this act.

34 c. "Annuity reserve" means the present value of all payments to be
35 made on account of any annuity or benefit in lieu of an annuity,
36 granted under the provisions of this act, computed on the basis of such
37 mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees
38 adopts, with regular interest.

39 d. "Beneficiary" means any person receiving a retirement allowance
40 or other benefit as provided in this act.

41 e. "Child" means a deceased member's unmarried child either (1)
42 under the age of 18 or (2) of any age who, at the time of the member's
43 death, is disabled because of mental retardation or physical incapacity,
44 is unable to do any substantial, gainful work because of the impairment
45 and the impairment has lasted or can be expected to last for a
46 continuous period of not less than 12 months, as affirmed by the

1 medical board.

2 f. "Parent" shall mean the parent of a member who was receiving
3 at least 1/2 of the parent's support from the member in the 12-month
4 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident
5 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of
6 such a parent will be considered terminated by marriage of the parent
7 subsequent to the death of the member.

8 g. "Widower" means the man to whom a member was married at
9 least five years before the date of her death and to whom she
10 continued to be married until the date of her death and who was
11 receiving at least 1/2 of his support from the member in the 12-month
12 period immediately preceding the member's death or the accident
13 which was the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of
14 such a widower will be considered terminated by marriage of the
15 widower subsequent to the death of the member. In the event of the
16 payment of an accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall
17 be waived.

18 h. "Final compensation" means the average annual compensation
19 for which contributions are made for the three years of creditable
20 service in New Jersey immediately preceding the member's retirement
21 or death, or it shall mean the average annual compensation for New
22 Jersey service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal
23 years of his or her membership providing the largest possible benefit
24 to the member or the member's beneficiary.

25 i. "Fiscal year" means any year commencing with July 1 and ending
26 with June 30 next following.

27 j. "Medical board" shall mean the board of physicians provided for
28 in section 17 (C.43:15A-17).

29 k. "Pension" means payments for life derived from appropriations
30 made by the employer as provided in this act.

31 l. "Pension reserve" means the present value of all payments to be
32 made on account of any pension or benefit in lieu of a pension granted
33 under the provisions of this act, computed on the basis of such
34 mortality tables recommended by the actuary as the board of trustees
35 adopts, with regular interest.

36 m. "Public Employees' Retirement System of New Jersey,"
37 hereinafter referred to as the "retirement system" or "system," is the
38 corporate name of the arrangement for the payment of retirement
39 allowances and other benefits under the provisions of this act including
40 the several funds placed under said system. By that name all of its
41 business shall be transacted, its funds invested, warrants for money
42 drawn, and payments made and all of its cash and securities and other
43 property held.

44 n. "Regular interest" shall mean interest as determined by the State
45 Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Divisions of
46 Investment and Pensions, the board of trustees and the actuary. It

1 shall bear a reasonable relationship to the percentage rate of earnings
2 on investments based on the market value of the assets but shall not
3 exceed the assumed percentage rate of increase applied to salaries plus
4 3%, provided however that the board of trustees shall not set the
5 average percentage rate of increase applied to salaries below 6%.

6 o. "Retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity.

7 p. "Veteran" means any honorably discharged officer, soldier,
8 sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served in any Army, Air Force or
9 Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War I, between
10 July 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who served in any Army,
11 Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in World War II,
12 between September 1, 1939, and September 2, 1945, and who was
13 inducted into such service through voluntary enlistment, and was a
14 citizen of the United States at the time of such enlistment, and who did
15 not, during or by reason of such service, renounce or lose United
16 States citizenship, and any officer, soldier, sailor, marine, airman,
17 nurse or army field clerk, who has served in the active military or naval
18 service of the United States and has or shall be discharged or released
19 therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, in any of the
20 following wars, uprisings, insurrections, expeditions, or emergencies,
21 and who has presented to the retirement system evidence of such
22 record of service in form and content satisfactory to said retirement
23 system:

24 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods
25 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of
26 active hostility;

27 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and
28 April 11, 1899;

29 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods
30 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active
31 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

32 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and
33 May 27, 1902;

34 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and
35 May 20, 1902;

36 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and
37 April 1, 1909;

38 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and
39 February 7, 1917;

40 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in
41 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,
42 1919;

43 (9) World War I, between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

44 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and
45 December 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
46 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course

1 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
2 or the Navy College Training Program which course was a
3 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
4 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies any part of
5 which 90 days was served between said dates; provided, that any
6 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
7 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the
8 90-day service as herein provided;

9 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to
10 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active
11 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of
12 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or
13 the Navy College Training Program which course was a continuation
14 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet
15 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90
16 days was served between said dates; provided, that any person
17 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed
18 as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day
19 service as herein provided; and provided further, that any member
20 classed as a veteran pursuant to this paragraph prior to August 1,
21 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran whether or not that
22 person completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein
23 provided;

24 (12) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or
25 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
26 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course
27 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
28 or the Navy College Training Program which course was a
29 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
30 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of
31 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any
32 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511(d) of Title
33 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army
34 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval
35 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard
36 Reserve; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
37 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
38 person has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

39 (13) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
40 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
41 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,
42 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or
43 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as
44 proclaimed by the President of the United States[,]or Congress [or the
45 Governor], whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active
46 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred

1 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
2 person has completed the 14 days' service as herein provided;

3 (14) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after [October 25, 1983]
4 October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship
5 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
6 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
7 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
8 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
9 United States~~[,]or~~ Congress ~~[or the Governor]~~, whichever date of
10 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
11 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
12 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
13 days' service as herein provided;

14 (15) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989
15 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President
16 of the United States~~[,]or~~ Congress ~~[or the Governor]~~, whichever date
17 of inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
18 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
19 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
20 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination
21 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United
22 States~~[,]or~~ Congress ~~[or the Governor]~~, whichever date of termination
23 is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving
24 an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
25 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days' service
26 as herein provided;

27 (16) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian
28 peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date
29 of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the
30 United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever date of inception
31 is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on board any
32 ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a period,
33 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or
34 before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the
35 President of the United States, Congress or the Governor, whichever
36 date of termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that
37 any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall
38 be classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the
39 14 days' service as herein provided.

40 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the
41 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is
42 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
43 federal veterans' benefits.

44 q. "Widow" means the woman to whom a member was married at
45 least five years before the date of his death and to whom he continued
46 to be married until the date of his death and who was receiving at least

1 1/2 of her support from the member in the 12-month period
2 immediately preceding the member's death or the accident which was
3 the direct cause of the member's death. The dependency of such a
4 widow will be considered terminated by the marriage of the widow
5 subsequent to the member's death. In the event of the payment of an
6 accidental death benefit, the five-year qualification shall be waived.

7 r. "Compensation" means the base or contractual salary, for
8 services as an employee, which is in accordance with established salary
9 policies of the member's employer for all employees in the same
10 position but shall not include individual salary adjustments which are
11 granted primarily in anticipation of the member's retirement or
12 additional remuneration for performing temporary or extracurricular
13 duties beyond the regular workday or the regular work year. In cases
14 where salary includes maintenance, the retirement system shall fix the
15 value of that part of the salary not paid in money which shall be
16 considered under this act.

17 (cf: P.L.1992, c.125, s.7)

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19 4. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.391 (C.43:16A-11.7) is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 1. For purposes of this act "veteran" means any honorably
22 discharged officer, soldier, sailor, airman, marine or nurse who served
23 in any Army, Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United States in
24 World War I, between July 14, 1914, and November 11, 1918, or who
25 served in any Army, Air Force or Navy of the Allies of the United
26 States in World War II, between September 1, 1939, and
27 September 2, 1945, and who was inducted into such service through
28 voluntary enlistment, and was a citizen of the United States at the time
29 of such enlistment, and who did not, during or by reason of such
30 service, renounce or lose United States citizenship, and any officer,
31 soldier, sailor, marine, airman, nurse or army field clerk, who has
32 served in the active military or naval service of the United States and
33 has or shall be discharged or released therefrom under conditions other
34 than dishonorable, in any of the following wars, uprisings,
35 insurrections, expeditions, or emergencies, and who has presented to
36 the retirement system evidence of such record of service in form and
37 content satisfactory to said retirement system:

38 (1) The Indian wars and uprisings during any of the periods
39 recognized by the War Department of the United States as periods of
40 active hostility;

41 (2) The Spanish-American War between April 20, 1898, and
42 April 11, 1899;

43 (3) The Philippine insurrections and expeditions during the periods
44 recognized by the War Department of the United States as of active
45 hostility from February 4, 1899, to the end of 1913;

46 (4) The Peking relief expedition between June 20, 1900, and

1 May 27, 1902;

2 (5) The army of Cuban occupation between July 18, 1898, and
3 May 20, 1902;

4 (6) The army of Cuban pacification between October 6, 1906, and
5 April 1, 1909;

6 (7) The Mexican punitive expedition between March 14, 1916, and
7 February 7, 1917;

8 (8) The Mexican border patrol, having actually participated in
9 engagements against Mexicans between April 12, 1911, and June 16,
10 1919;

11 (9) World War I between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918;

12 (10) World War II, between September 16, 1940, and
13 December 31, 1946, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
14 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course
15 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
16 or the Navy College Training program which course was a
17 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
18 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies any part of
19 which 90 days was served between said dates; provided, that any
20 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
21 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the
22 90-day service as herein provided;

23 (11) Korean conflict on or after June 23, 1950, and on or prior to
24 January 31, 1955, who shall have served at least 90 days in such active
25 service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course of
26 education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program or
27 the Navy College Training Program which course was a continuation
28 of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2) as a cadet
29 or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of which 90
30 days was served between said dates; provided, that any person
31 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed
32 as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 90-day
33 service as herein provided; and provided further, that any member
34 classed as a veteran pursuant to this subparagraph prior to August 1,
35 1966, shall continue to be classed as a veteran whether or not the
36 member completed the 90-day service between said dates as herein
37 provided;

38 (12) Vietnam conflict on or after December 31, 1960, and on or
39 prior to May 7, 1975, who shall have served at least 90 days in such
40 active service, exclusive of any period of assignment (1) for a course
41 of education or training under the Army Specialized Training Program
42 or the Navy College Training Program which course was a
43 continuation of a civilian course and was pursued to completion, or (2)
44 as a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, any part of
45 which 90 days was served between said dates; and exclusive of any
46 service performed pursuant to the provisions of section 511 (d) of

1 Title 10, United States Code, pursuant to an enlistment in the Army
2 National Guard or as a reserve for service in the Army Reserve, Naval
3 Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, or Coast Guard
4 Reserve; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
5 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
6 person has completed the 90 days' service as herein provided;

7 (13) Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26,
8 1982, who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively
9 engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period,
10 continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or
11 before December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as
12 proclaimed by the President of the United States[,]or Congress [or the
13 Governor], whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active
14 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
15 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
16 person has completed the 14 days service as herein provided;

17 (14) Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after [October 25,
18 1983] October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any
19 ship actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation
20 for a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
21 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
22 termination of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the
23 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
24 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
25 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
26 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
27 days service as herein provided;

28 (15) Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989
29 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President
30 of the United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date
31 of inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
32 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
33 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
34 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination
35 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United
36 States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of termination
37 is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person receiving
38 an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed as a
39 veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days service
40 as herein provided;

41 (16) Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the
42 Arabian peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or
43 the date of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President
44 of the United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date
45 of inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
46 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a

1 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing
2 on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by
3 the President of the United States, Congress or the Governor,
4 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
5 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
6 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
7 has completed the 14 days service as herein provided.

8 "Veteran" also means any honorably discharged member of the
9 American Merchant Marine who served during World War II and is
10 declared by the United States Department of Defense to be eligible for
11 federal veterans' benefits.

12 (cf: P.L.1991, c.390, s.6)

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14 5. Section 1 of P.L.1963, c.171 (C.54:4-8.10) is amended to read
15 as follows:

16 1. As used in this act:

17 (a) "Active service in time of war" means active service at some
18 time during one of the following periods:

19 Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" mission in the Arabian
20 peninsula and the Persian Gulf, on or after August 2, 1990 or the date
21 of inception of that operation, as proclaimed by the President of the
22 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
23 inception is earliest, who has served in the Arabian peninsula or on
24 board any ship actively engaged in patrolling the Persian Gulf for a
25 period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing
26 on or before the date of termination of that mission, as proclaimed by
27 the President of the United States, Congress or the Governor,
28 whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active service;
29 provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred injury
30 or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that person
31 has completed the 14 days service as herein provided;

32 The Panama peacekeeping mission, on or after December 20, 1989
33 or the date of inception of that mission, as proclaimed by the President
34 of the United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date
35 of inception is earliest, who has served in Panama or on board any ship
36 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
37 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
38 commencing on or before January 31, 1990 or the date of termination
39 of that mission, as proclaimed by the President of the United
40 States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of termination
41 is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any person
42 receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be classed
43 as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14 days
44 service as herein provided;

45 The Grenada peacekeeping mission, on or after [October 25, 1983]
46 October 23, 1983, who has served in Grenada or on board any ship

1 actively engaged in patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for
2 a period, continuous or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days
3 commencing on or before November 21, 1983 or the date of
4 termination of that mission as proclaimed by the President of the
5 United States[,]or Congress [or the Governor], whichever date of
6 termination is the latest, in such active service; provided, that any
7 person receiving an actual service-incurred injury or disability shall be
8 classed as a veteran whether or not that person has completed the 14
9 days service as herein provided;

10 The Lebanon peacekeeping mission, on or after September 26, 1982,
11 who has served in Lebanon or on board any ship actively engaged in
12 patrolling the territorial waters of that nation for a period, continuous
13 or in the aggregate, of at least 14 days commencing on or before
14 December 1, 1987 or the date of termination of that mission, as
15 proclaimed by the President of the United States[,]or Congress [or the
16 Governor], whichever date of termination is the latest, in such active
17 service; provided, that any person receiving an actual service-incurred
18 injury or disability shall be classed as a veteran whether or not that
19 person has completed the 14 days service as herein provided;

20 The Vietnam conflict, December 31, 1960, to May 7, 1975;

21 The Korean conflict, June 23, 1950 to January 31, 1955;

22 World War II, September 16, 1940 to December 31, 1946;

23 World War I, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918, and in the case
24 of service with the United States military forces in Russia, April 6,
25 1917 to April 1, 1920;

26 Spanish-American War, April 21, 1898 to August 13, 1898;

27 Civil War, April 15, 1861 to May 26, 1865; or, as to any
28 subsequent war, during the period from the date of declaration of war
29 to the date on which actual hostilities shall cease.

30 (b) "Assessor" means the assessor, board of assessors or any other
31 official or body of a taxing district charged with the duty of assessing
32 real and personal property for the purpose of general taxation.

33 (c) "Collector" means the collector or receiver of taxes of a taxing
34 district.

35 (d) "Honorably discharged or released under honorable
36 circumstances from active service in time of war," means and includes
37 every form of separation from active, full-time duty with military or
38 naval pay and allowances in some branch of the Armed Forces of the
39 United States in time of war, other than those marked "dishonorable,"
40 "undesirable," "bad conduct," "by sentence of general court martial,"
41 "by sentence of summary court martial" or similar expression
42 indicating that the discharge or release was not under honorable
43 circumstances. A disenrollment certificate or other form of release
44 terminating temporary service in a military or naval branch of the
45 armed forces rendered on a voluntary and part-time basis without pay,
46 or a release from or deferment of induction into the active military or

1 naval service shall not be deemed to be included in the aforementioned
2 phrase.

3 (e) "Pre-tax year" means the particular calendar year immediately
4 preceding the "tax year."

5 (f) "Resident" means one legally domiciled within the State of New
6 Jersey. Mere seasonal or temporary residence within the State, of
7 whatever duration, shall not constitute domicile within the State for
8 the purposes of this act. Absence from this State for a period of 12
9 months shall be prima facie evidence of abandonment of domicile in
10 this State. The burden of establishing legal domicile within the State
11 shall be upon the claimant.

12 (g) "Tax year" means the particular calendar year in which the
13 general property tax is due and payable.

14 (h) "Veteran" means any citizen and resident of this State
15 honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from
16 active service in time of war in any branch of the Armed Forces of the
17 United States.

18 (i) "Veteran's deduction" means the deduction against the taxes
19 payable by any person, allowable pursuant to this act.

20 (j) "Surviving spouse" means the surviving wife or husband of any
21 of the following, while he or she is a resident of this State, during
22 widowhood or widowerhood:

23 1. A citizen and resident of this State who has died or shall die
24 while on active duty in time of war in any branch of the Armed Forces
25 of the United States; or

26 2. A citizen and resident of this State who has had or shall
27 hereafter have active service in time of war in any branch of the Armed
28 Forces of the United States and who died or shall die while on active
29 duty in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States; or

30 3. A citizen and resident of this State who has been or may
31 hereafter be honorably discharged or released under honorable
32 circumstances from active service in time of war in any branch of the
33 Armed Forces of the United States.

34 (k) "Cooperative" means a housing corporation or association
35 incorporated or organized under the laws of New Jersey which entitles
36 a shareholder thereof to possess and occupy for dwelling purposes a
37 house, apartment or other structure owned or leased by the
38 corporation or association;

39 (l) "Mutual housing corporation" means a corporation
40 not-for-profit incorporated under the laws of New Jersey on a mutual
41 or cooperative basis within the scope of section 607 of the "National
42 Defense Housing Act," Pub. L.76-849 (42 U.S.C. § 1521 et seq.),
43 which acquired a National Defense Housing Project pursuant to that
44 act.

45 (cf: P.L.1991, c.390, s.7)

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1 6. (New section) If, following application by a member of the
2 retirement system to purchase credit therein under any provision of
3 P.L.1954, c.84 (C.43:15A-1 et seq.), as amended and supplemented,
4 the member attains qualification as a veteran member pursuant to the
5 enactment of a law, the adoption of a rule or regulation, the revision
6 of an administrative interpretation or application of such a rule or
7 regulation, or any other official act, the member shall be permitted,
8 upon written application to the retirement system within two years
9 following the effective date of that law, rule, regulation, revision, or
10 other act or within two years of the effective date of P.L. , c.
11 (C.)(now pending before the Legislature as this bill),
12 whichever is later, to terminate any remaining obligation to complete
13 the purchase and to receive a return of all contributions deducted or
14 other payments made on or after the effective date of the law, rule,
15 regulation, revision, or other act in connection with the purchase. If
16 any service has been credited under the retirement system to the
17 member in connection with the purchase, the amount of that service so
18 credited shall be reduced in proportion to the return to the member
19 hereunder of any contributions or other payments.

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21 7. (New section) If, following application by a member of the
22 retirement system to purchase credit therein under any provision of
23 article 1 of chapter 66 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, as
24 amended and supplemented, the member attains qualification as a
25 veteran member pursuant to the enactment of a law, the adoption of
26 a rule or regulation, the revision of an administrative interpretation or
27 application of such a rule or regulation, or any other official act, the
28 member shall be permitted, upon written application to the retirement
29 system within two years following the effective date of that law, rule,
30 regulation, revision, or other act or within two years of the effective
31 date of P.L. , c. (C.)(now pending before the
32 Legislature as this bill), whichever is later, to terminate any remaining
33 obligation to complete the purchase and to receive a return of all
34 contributions deducted or other payments made on or after the
35 effective date of the law, rule, regulation, revision, or other act in
36 connection with the purchase. If any service has been credited under
37 the retirement system to the member in connection with the purchase,
38 the amount of that service so credited shall be reduced in proportion
39 to the return to the member hereunder of any contributions or other
40 payments.

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42 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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46 This bill establishes in law certain inception and termination dates

1 for the Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama peacekeeping missions and for
2 Operation "Desert Shield/Desert Storm" in order to insure eligibility
3 for certain State benefits for veterans of those missions.

4 The bill amends five sections of law: 1) the definition of "veteran"
5 for the purpose of eligibility for civil service preference; 2) the
6 definition of "veteran" for the purpose of eligibility for enhanced
7 benefits in the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the
8 Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and for the purpose of
9 purchasing service credit for military service by members of the Police
10 and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS); and 3) the definition of
11 "veteran" for the purpose of eligibility for the annual veterans personal
12 property tax deduction.

13 The bill establishes: 1) December 1, 1987 as the termination date of
14 the Lebanon peacekeeping mission (the inception date of
15 September 26, 1982 is already provided for in each of the five
16 statutes); 2) October 23, 1983 as the inception date of the Grenada
17 peacekeeping mission (this is changed from the October 25, 1983 date
18 now provided for in law) and November 21, 1983 as the termination
19 date; 3) December 20, 1989 as the inception date for the Panama
20 peacekeeping mission and January 31, 1990 as the termination date;
21 and 4) August 2, 1990 as the inception date of Operation "Desert
22 Shield/Desert Storm" (the termination date remains open). The
23 termination dates for the Lebanon, Grenada, and Panama missions will
24 be later if the termination dates proclaimed by the President or
25 Congress are later than the specific dates noted above, and the
26 inception dates of the Panama mission and Operation "Desert
27 Shield/Desert Storm" will be earlier if the inception dates proclaimed
28 by the President or Congress are earlier than the specific dates noted
29 above.

30 These dates have been recognized by the United States Department
31 of Defense as the inception and termination dates of these missions for
32 the purpose of establishing eligibility for service medals for members
33 of the United States armed forces who participated in these missions.

34 This bill would also permit a member of the Public Employees'
35 Retirement System (PERS) or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity
36 Fund (TPAF) who becomes classified as a veteran as a result of the
37 enactment of a law, the adoption of an administrative rule or
38 regulation, the revision of an administrative interpretation of such a
39 rule or regulation, or other official act, to cancel the purchase of
40 service credit. The member would have to notify the retirement
41 system of such a cancellation in writing within two years of the
42 effective date of the law, rule, regulation, interpretation or other act.
43 Cancellation of the purchase would terminate any remaining obligation
44 to complete the purchase and would entitle the member to a return of
45 all contributions deducted or other payments made on or after that
46 effective date in connection with the purchase.

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5 Establishes inception and termination dates for certain peacekeeping
6 missions and "Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm"; permits
7 cancellation of certain pension credit purchases.

WITHDRAWN