

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1871

By: Covey, Blackburn, Braddock,  
Bonny, Dunegan, Matlock,  
Stites and Wells of the  
House

and

Helton of the Senate

( veterans - amending 72 O.S. 1991, Section 67.13a,  
as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 192, O.S.L.  
1998 (72 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 67.13a) -  
definition of veteran - effective date -  
emergency )

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 1991, Section 67.13a, as  
last amended by Section 4, Chapter 192, O.S.L. 1998 (72 O.S. Supp.  
1999, Section 67.13a), is amended to read as follows:

Section 67.13a The words "war veterans" used in Section 67.13  
of this title shall be construed to mean such honorably discharged  
persons as served:

1. In the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during  
the period from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, both dates  
inclusive;

2. In the Armed Forces of the United States as members of the  
45th Division at any time during the period from September 16, 1940,  
to December 7, 1941, both dates inclusive;

3. In the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during  
the period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, both dates  
inclusive;

4. In the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during the period from June 27, 1950, to January 31, 1955, both dates inclusive;

5. For a period of ninety (90) days or more, unless discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability, in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period of time in which the United States participated in a war, campaign or battle, but excluding any person who shall have served on active duty for training only, unless discharged from active duty for service-connected disability;

6. In the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during the period which began on:

a. February 28, 1961, and ended on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period, and

b. August 5, 1964, and ended on May 7, 1975, in all other cases,

except that such period shall be deemed to have ended on December 31, 1976, when determining eligibility for education and training benefits; or

7. In the Armed Forces of the United States on or after August 1, 1990, ~~and ended on December 31, 1991,~~ during the period of time in which the United States participates in a war, military or naval campaign, or expedition, excluding any person who shall have served on active duty for training only, unless discharged from active duty for service-connected disability.

The term "war veterans" shall include only those persons who shall have served during the times or in the areas prescribed in this section, and those persons who were awarded service medals, as authorized by the United States Department of Defense as reflected in the veteran's Defense Department Form 214, related to the Vietnam Conflict who served prior to August 5, 1964. Any honorably

discharged war veteran of any of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be entitled to such tax exemptions to include but not be limited to tax-exempt veterans' benefits as provided in paragraph 12 of Section 2887 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, special permits and veterans' preferences for state employment; provided, that any person who shall have served on active duty for training purposes only shall not be entitled to any such tax exemptions, special permits or veterans' preferences.

The provisions of this act shall include military retirees, whose retirement was based only on active service, that have been rated as having twenty percent (20%) or greater service-connected disability by the Veterans Administration or the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2000.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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President of the Senate