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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Messier, Azzinaro, Fellela, and Martin

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-4-19 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit
2 System" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **36-4-19. Placement of names on employment lists -- Listing of veterans.** -- (a) The
4 names of all persons attaining the minimum final earned rating established by the personnel
5 administrator shall be placed upon the employment list in the order of their ratings; provided,
6 however, that there shall be added to the final earned ratings of examinees who are veterans in
7 competitive tests for entrance into the classified service, but not for promotion in the service, who
8 receive at least the minimum required final earned rating as stated in the public notice, service
9 credits amounting to five (5) points for veterans or service credits amounting to ten (10) points for
10 disabled veterans. On all employment lists, the letter "V" shall be placed opposite the name of
11 each veteran as defined in chapter 3 of this title, who, by reason of his or her final earned rating,
12 is entitled to have his or her name placed on an employment list, and the letters "DV" shall be
13 placed opposite the name of each disabled veteran, as defined in chapter 3 of this title, who, by
14 reason of his or her final earned rating is entitled to have his or her name placed on the list.

15 ~~(b) For purposes of this section, a "veteran" shall be defined as any person who served in~~
16 ~~the military or naval service of the United States in World War I or who served in the military or~~
17 ~~naval service of the United States in World II at any time during the period beginning December~~
18 ~~7, 1941, and ending on December 31, 1946, or who served in the military or naval service of the~~
19 ~~United States in the Korean conflict at any time during the period beginning June 27, 1950, and~~

1 ~~ending January 31, 1955, or in the Vietnam conflict at any time during the period beginning~~
2 ~~August 5, 1964 and ending May 7, 1975, in the Taiwan Straits Expeditionary Force at any time~~
3 ~~from August 23, 1958, to January 1, 1959, or the Persian Gulf beginning August 2, 1990, to~~
4 ~~present, in the Panama Operations beginning December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, in the~~
5 ~~Grenada Operations beginning October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983 in the Lebanon~~
6 ~~Operations beginning:~~

7 ~~(1) July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958~~

8 ~~(2) August 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983~~

9 ~~(3) June 1, 1983 to December 1987.~~

10 (b)(1) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means any member of the military
11 services who served in any conflict, undeclared war or contingency operation who has earned a
12 campaign ribbon or expeditionary medal for service in either a declared or undeclared war as
13 noted on the war veteran's DD-214.

14 (2) The term "veteran" means members of the National Guard and Reserves called to
15 active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense for a period of time of more
16 than thirty (30) days under 32 U.S.C. section 502(f) for the purpose of responding to any conflict,
17 undeclared war or contingency operation.

18 (c) The "veteran" described in subdivision (b)(1) and (b)(2) means a person must have
19 been honorably discharged from the armed forces of this nation in order to receive the benefits
20 pursuant to this section; and, for purposes of this section, a medical discharge or a general
21 discharge shall be deemed an honorable discharge.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would define a veteran as any honorably discharged veteran of any conflict or
2 undeclared war who has earned a campaign or expeditionary medal for such service as evidenced
3 by his or her DD-214. It would also include certain National Guard or Reserve members. A
4 veteran who received a medical or general discharge would be considered to be honorably
5 discharged.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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