

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the definition of the periods of service which qualify for veterans benefits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 33-17-2 be amended to read as follows:

33-17-2. As used in § 33-17-1, the term, qualifying military service, means:

- (1) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the period from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, inclusive;
- (2) Active duty for one day or more during the period from July 28, 1914, to November 11, 1918, inclusive, performed by a citizen of the United States in the armed forces of any nation that was allied with the United States during any part of the period from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, inclusive;
- (3) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive;
- (4) Active duty for one day or more during the period from September 1, 1939, to December 31, 1946, inclusive, performed by a citizen of the United States in the armed forces of any nation that was allied with the United States during any part of the period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive;
- (5) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the period from June 25, 1950, to May 7, 1975, inclusive;
- (6) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the period from August 2, 1990, until the end of hostilities as determined by the Legislature;
- (7) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more in a military action for which the veteran earned an armed forces expeditionary medal, southwest Asia

service medal or other United States campaign or service medal awarded for participation outside the boundaries of the United States in combat operations against hostile forces;
or

- (8) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more if the veteran has established the existence of a service-connected disability.

Service on active duty by any reserve or national guard personnel for training may not be construed as service on active duty, unless the veterans' commission determines, by rules promulgated pursuant to chapter 1-26, that such training involved the person in direct participation in or direct support of combat operations against a hostile force.

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I certify that the attached Act
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SENATE as Bill No. 6

Secretary of the Senate
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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Received at this Executive Office
this ___ day of _____,
20___ at _____ M.

By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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