

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE BILL NO. 6

Introduced by: The Committee on State Affairs at the request of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the definition of the periods of service which  
2 qualify for veterans benefits.

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

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

5 33-17-2. As used in § 33-17-1, the term, qualifying military service, means:

- 6 (1) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the  
7 period from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, inclusive;
- 8 (2) Active duty for one day or more during the period from July 28, 1914, to  
9 November 11, 1918, inclusive, performed by a citizen of the United States in the  
10 armed forces of any nation that was allied with the United States during any part of  
11 the period from April 6, 1917, to November 11, 1918, inclusive;
- 12 (3) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the  
13 period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive;
- 14 (4) Active duty for one day or more during the period from September 1, 1939, to  
15 December 31, 1946, inclusive, performed by a citizen of the United States in the



1 armed forces of any nation that was allied with the United States during any part of  
2 the period from December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946, inclusive;

3 (5) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the  
4 period from June 25, 1950, to May 7, 1975, inclusive;

5 (6) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more during the  
6 period from August 2, 1990, to ~~December 31, 2002, inclusive~~ until the end of  
7 hostilities as determined by the Legislature;

8 (7) Active duty in the armed forces of the United States for one day or more in a military  
9 action for which the veteran earned an armed forces expeditionary medal, southwest  
10 Asia service medal or other United States campaign or service medal awarded for  
11 participation outside the boundaries of the United States in combat operations against  
12 hostile forces; or

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

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