

1 **H. B. 2361**

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3 (By Delegates Longstreth and Iaquina)

4 [Introduced February 13, 2013; referred to the
5 Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then
6 the Judiciary.]
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10 A BILL to amend and reenact §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia,
11 1931, as amended, relating to including persons who served
12 honorably in the National Guard and Reserves or who were
13 discharged because of a service connected disability in the
14 definition of "eligible veteran" for certain state training
15 and employment preference benefits.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
18 be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

19 **ARTICLE 4. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PRIORITY.**

20 **§9A-4-2. Definitions.**

21 (a) "Eligible veteran" means a person who:

22 (1) Served on active duty and was discharged or released
23 from active duty with an honorable discharge or because of a

1 service connected disability; ~~or~~

2 (2) As a member of a reserve component under an order to
3 active duty, served on active duty during a period of war or in a
4 campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge or ribbon is
5 authorized and was discharged or released from ~~such~~ duty with an
6 honorable discharge; or

7 (3) Served as a member of a National Guard or Reserve
8 component and completed his or her military obligation and received
9 an honorable discharge from the National Guard or Reserve component
10 or was discharged from the National Guard or Reserve component
11 because of a service connected disability.

12 (b) "Priority of service" means the right to priority in any
13 employment or training program offered citizens of West Virginia
14 which is funded, in whole or in part, through federal or state
15 moneys.

16 (c) "Reserve component" means any branch of the military,
17 ~~which is called up to active duty~~ including any military defense
18 forces.

19 (d) "Training program" means a program that provides training
20 leading to qualification for employment, or improved skills, or
21 both, funded, in whole or in part, through the workforce investment
22 act or another federal or state act administered through the state
23 and having as its primary purpose workforce development.

24 (e) "Training provider" means any private or public entity

1 which has been certified by competent authority to provide training
2 funded by federal or state funds appropriated in the budget under
3 the jobs training partnership act or another federal or state act
4 having as its primary purpose workforce development.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include persons who served honorably in the National Guard and Reserves as eligible veterans for preference in employment training and employment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.