

H. B. 2361

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[Introduced February 13, 2013;
referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs
and Homeland Security then the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend and reenact §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including persons who served honorably in the National Guard and Reserves or who were discharged because of a service connected disability in the definition of “eligible veteran” for certain state training and employment preference benefits.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 4. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PRIORITY.

§9A-4-2. Definitions.

1 (a) “Eligible veteran” means a person who:

2 (1) Served on active duty and was discharged or released
3 from active duty with an honorable discharge or because of a
4 service connected disability; ~~or~~

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

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

15 (b) “Priority of service” means the right to priority in any
16 employment or training program offered citizens of West
17 Virginia which is funded, in whole or in part, through federal or
18 state moneys.

19 (c) “Reserve component” means any branch of the military,
20 ~~which is called up to active duty~~ including any military defense
21 forces.

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

28 (e) “Training provider” means any private or public entity
29 which has been certified by competent authority to provide
30 training funded by federal or state funds appropriated in the
31 budget under the jobs training partnership act or another federal
32 or state act having as its primary purpose workforce develop-
33 ment.

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.

