

1 **ENROLLED**

2 **H. B. 2361**

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4 (By Delegates Longstreth and Iaquina)

5 [Passed April 9, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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9 AN ACT to amend and reenact §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia,  
10 1931, as amended, relating to including persons who served  
11 honorably in the National Guard and Reserves or who were  
12 discharged because of a service connected disability in the  
13 definition of "eligible veteran" for certain state training  
14 and employment preference benefits.

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

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

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

19 **§9A-4-2. Definitions.**

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

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

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

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

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

15           (c) "Reserve component" means any branch of the military,  
16 including any military defense forces.

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

22           (e) "Training provider" means any private or public entity  
23 which has been certified by competent authority to provide training  
24 funded by federal or state funds appropriated in the budget under

1 the jobs training partnership act or another federal or state act  
2 having as its primary purpose workforce development.