



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB1718

Introduced 2/14/2005, by Rep. Michael J. Madigan - Barbara Flynn Currie - Michael P. McAuliffe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

330 ILCS 55/1

from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 23

Amends the Veterans Preference Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a preference given to veterans in employment and appointment to fill certain public works positions.

LRB094 03369 DRJ 33370 b

1 AN ACT concerning veterans.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Veterans Preference Act is amended by
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 55/1) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 23)

7 Sec. 1. In the ~~the~~ employment and appointment to fill
8 positions in the construction, addition to, or alteration of
9 all public works undertaken or contracted for by the State, or
10 by any political subdivision thereof, preference shall be given
11 to persons who have been members of the armed forces of the
12 United States or who, while citizens of the United States, were
13 members of the armed forces of allies of the United States in
14 time of hostilities with a foreign country, and have served
15 under one or more of the following conditions:

16 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

17 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities
18 regardless of the length of engagement, or

19 (3) The veteran served in the theater of operations but
20 was discharged on the basis of a hardship, or

21 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because
22 of a service connected disability and was honorably
23 discharged. But such preference shall be given only to
24 those persons who are found to possess the business
25 capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties
26 of such employment. No political subdivision or person
27 contracting for such public works is required to give
28 preference to veterans, not residents of such district,
29 over residents thereof, who are not veterans.

30 As used in this Section:

31 "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means any
32 period of time in the past, present, or future during which

1 a declaration of war by the United States Congress has been
2 or is in effect or during which an emergency condition has
3 been or is in effect that is recognized by the issuance of
4 a Presidential proclamation or a Presidential executive
5 order and in which the armed forces expeditionary medal or
6 other campaign service medals are awarded according to
7 Presidential executive order.

8 "Armed forces of the United States" means the United
9 States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard.
10 Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty
11 under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202 shall also
12 be considered service in the Armed Forces of the United
13 States for purposes of this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-796.)