



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4891

by Rep. Mary Beth Canty

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2805/4

from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 69

Amends the Department of Veterans Affairs Act. Requires all service officers and any supervisors, including the field manager, within the field division to be currently serving reservists or national guardsmen in good standing or honorably discharged veterans from service in the Armed Forces of the United States, active or reserve component. Removes a requirement that service officers and supervisors serve during a time of hostilities with a foreign country and meet one or more listed conditions.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/4) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 69)

7 Sec. 4. A service officer shall be assigned to each field
8 office. All service officers and any supervisors, including
9 the field manager, within the field division must be currently
10 serving reservists or national guardsmen in good standing or
11 ~~an~~ honorably discharged veterans ~~veteran~~ from service in the
12 Armed Forces of the United States, active or reserve
13 components. ~~They must have served during a time of hostilities~~
14 ~~with a foreign country, and must meet one or more of the~~
15 ~~following conditions:~~

16 ~~(i) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months.~~

17 ~~(ii) The veteran served for the duration of~~
18 ~~hostilities regardless of the length of engagement.~~

19 ~~(iii) The veteran was discharged on the basis of~~
20 ~~hardship.~~

21 ~~(iv) The veteran was released from active duty because~~
22 ~~of a service-connected disability and was discharged under~~
23 ~~honorable conditions.~~

1 ~~As used in this Section, "time of hostilities with a~~
2 ~~foreign country" means any period of time in the past,~~
3 ~~present, or future during which a declaration of war by the~~
4 ~~United States Congress has been or is in effect or during which~~
5 ~~an emergency condition has been or is in effect that is~~
6 ~~recognized by the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a~~
7 ~~Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces~~
8 ~~expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are~~
9 ~~awarded according to Presidential executive order.~~

10 (Source: P.A. 102-467, eff. 1-1-22.)