

SB1468



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

SB1468

Introduced 2/13/2019, by Sen. Scott M. Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

330 ILCS 140/5
330 ILCS 140/10

Amends the Veterans' and Military Discount Program Act. Provides that veterans, military personnel, and those spouses and dependents of veterans and military personnel who have been issued valid Military ID or Military Dependent ID cards (rather than only veterans and military personnel) may receive a discount on goods and services from participating merchants, or another appropriate money-saving promotion of a merchant's choice, under the Veterans' and Military Discount Program. Effective immediately.

LRB101 09606 CPF 54704 b

A BILL FOR

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' and Military Discount Program Act
5 is amended by changing Sections 5 and 10 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 140/5)

7 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds
8 that though there is no way to adequately repay our nation's
9 military personnel for their service and sacrifice, we can
10 demonstrate our gratitude by forging a collaborative effort
11 between businesses and government that will connect veterans
12 and active duty service members with merchants who choose to
13 honor their military service through special discounts and
14 promotions.

15 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program, created under
16 this Act, will enable veterans (those honorably discharged and
17 other veterans generally discharged for reasons other than
18 discipline, misconduct, resignation in lieu of misconduct
19 charges, unfitness for duty, voluntary resignation, or court
20 martial), ~~and~~ and military personnel currently serving our
21 country, and those spouses and dependents of veterans and
22 military personnel who have been issued a valid Military ID
23 card or Military Dependent ID card to receive a discount on

1 goods and services from participating merchants, or another
2 appropriate money-saving promotion of a merchant's choice.

3 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program will be
4 mutually beneficial, helping active duty service members and
5 veterans in the State save money with discounts on goods and
6 services, and helping business owners to enjoy increased
7 traffic and sales in their stores.

8 (Source: P.A. 99-374, eff. 8-17-15.)

9 (330 ILCS 140/10)

10 Sec. 10. Veterans' and Military Discount Program. The
11 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and administer
12 a Veterans' and Military Discount Program that enables
13 veterans, ~~and~~ active duty military personnel, and those spouses
14 and dependents of veterans and military personnel who have been
15 issued a valid Military ID card or Military Dependent ID card
16 to use the following photo identification at participating
17 merchants to receive a discount on goods and services or to
18 receive another appropriate money-saving promotion of a
19 merchant's choice:

20 (1) veterans who have a valid driver's license or
21 Illinois Identification Card issued pursuant to subsection
22 (e) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or
23 subsection (c-5) of Section 4 of the Illinois
24 Identification Card Act; ~~and~~

25 (2) active duty military personnel who have a valid

1 Common Access Card issued by the U.S. Department of Defense
2 indicating the cardholder's active duty status; ~~and~~

3 (3) those spouses and dependents of veterans and
4 military personnel who have been issued a valid Military ID
5 card or Military Dependent ID card.

6 (Source: P.A. 99-374, eff. 8-17-15.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.