

HB 1375 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL                **1375**

AN ACT                    relative to the definition of veteran.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Roy, Rock. 32

COMMITTEE:          Municipal and County Government

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ANALYSIS

This bill amends the definition of "veteran" to include any discharge under honorable conditions and amends references to "honorable discharge" to align with this definition.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
                                Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~  
                                Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two*

AN ACT relative to the definition of veteran.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Statutory Construction; Definition of Veteran. Amend RSA 21:50, I(a)(2)(A) to read as follows:

2 (A) ~~[An honorable discharge]~~ **Any discharge under honorable conditions**; or

3 2 New Hampshire Veterans' Home; Command and Employees. Amend RSA 119:6 to read as  
4 follows:

5 119:6 Commandant and Employees. The board shall appoint, or may remove, for just cause, a  
6 commandant of the home. ~~[Honorably discharged veterans as defined in RSA 119:1]~~ **A veteran**  
7 **discharged under honorable conditions pursuant to RSA 21:50** shall have preference for  
8 employment in the home if qualified by the New Hampshire division of personnel.

9 3 Preference of Resident Laborers and Veterans; Employment of Veterans. Amend RSA 283:4, I  
10 to read as follows:

11 I. In public employment of clerks, office help, mechanics, laborers, inspectors, supervisors,  
12 foremen, janitors, peace officers, and relief employees in the construction of public works, public  
13 projects and in the conduct of city, town or district departments by a county, city, town, or district, or  
14 by persons contracting therewith for such construction, carrying out of relief projects and in the  
15 conduct of city, town, or district departments, preference shall be given to citizens of the state who  
16 have served in the armed forces of the United States, for not less than 90 days, in times of war, and  
17 have been discharged ~~[honorably]~~ **under honorable conditions pursuant to RSA 21:50** therefrom  
18 or released from active duty therein, if equally qualified for said employment and if registered in  
19 accordance with the provisions of RSA 283:7. Where such employment is obtained from relief rolls or  
20 for persons in need, in cases of equal or greater need preference shall be given to such veterans.

21 4 Property Taxes; Certain Disabled Veterans. Amend the introductory paragraph in RSA 72:36-  
22 a to read as follows:

23 72:36-a Certain Disabled Veterans. Any person, who is ~~[discharged from military service of the~~  
24 ~~United States under conditions other than dishonorable]~~ **discharged under honorable conditions**  
25 **pursuant to RSA 21:50**, or an officer who is honorably separated from military service, who owns a  
26 specially adapted homestead which has been acquired with the assistance of the Veterans  
27 Administration or which has been acquired using proceeds from the sale of any previous homestead  
28 which was acquired with the assistance of the Veterans Administration, the person or person's  
29 surviving spouse, shall be exempt from all taxation on said homestead, provided that:

30 5 Reemployment of Veterans; Veterans Guaranteed Reemployment. Amend RSA 97:1 to read as  
31 follows:

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1       97:1 Veterans Guaranteed Reemployment. Each county, town, city, precinct, school board or  
2 other political subdivision of the state shall reemploy a veteran of any branch of the military service  
3 of the United States who has been placed on inactive status or been [~~given a discharge other than~~  
4 ~~dishonorable~~] ***discharged under honorable conditions pursuant to RSA 21:50*** and who, within  
5 90 days after being so made inactive or discharged, in writing, notifies the treasurer or other fiscal  
6 agent of such political subdivision that he ***or she*** desires to be reinstated in the position he held with  
7 such political subdivision at the time he ***or she*** entered said military service.

8       6 Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. Amend RSA 110-D:3,  
9 XX to read as follows:

10       XX. "Veteran" means a person who served in the uniformed services and who was  
11 discharged or released there from under [~~conditions other than dishonorable~~] ***honorable***  
12 ***conditions pursuant to RSA 21:50***.

13       7 Honorable Discharge; References Amended. Amend the following RSAs by replacing  
14 "honorable discharge" or "an honorable discharge" with "a discharge under honorable conditions  
15 pursuant to RSA 21:50": RSA 115-A:16; 115-A:29, I-II; 115-B:1, II(a); 115-B:1, II(c); 165:5; 175:1,  
16 XXII; 176:10; 261:86, I(d); 261:87-b, I; 275-G:1, II; 466:8, I; and 651-A:13.

17       8 Honorably Discharged; References Amended. Amend the following RSAs by replacing  
18 "honorably discharged" with "discharged under honorable conditions pursuant to RSA 21:50": RSA  
19 72:28, IV(a); 72:28-b, IV; 72:35, I; 99-F:2, VI(a)(1)-(3); 100-A:4, VI(a)(2); 119:1, I; 119:2, II; 261:86,  
20 I(c)-(e); 261:141, VIII(c); 261:157-a; and 291:3.

21       9 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.