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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to military veterans; modifying definitions, including the definition of
1.3 veteran; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 197.791, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 197.791, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

1.7 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of veterans affairs, unless otherwise
1.8 specified.

1.9 (c) "Cost of attendance" for undergraduate students has the meaning given in section
1.10 136A.121, subdivision 6, multiplied by a factor of 1.2. Cost of attendance for graduate
1.11 students has the meaning given in section 136A.121, subdivision 6, multiplied by a factor
1.12 of 1.2, using the tuition and fee maximum established by law for four-year programs. For
1.13 purposes of calculating the cost of attendance for graduate students, full time is eight credits
1.14 or more per term or the equivalent.

1.15 (d) "Child" means a natural or adopted child of a person described in subdivision 4,
1.16 paragraph (a), clause (1), item (i) or (ii).

1.17 (e) "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary institution under section 136A.101,
1.18 subdivision 4, or a graduate school licensed or registered with the state of Minnesota serving
1.19 only graduate students.

1.20 (f) "Program" means the Minnesota GI Bill program established in this section, unless
1.21 otherwise specified.

2.1 (g) ~~"Time of hostilities" means any action by the armed forces of the United States that~~  
2.2 ~~is recognized by the issuance of a presidential proclamation or a presidential executive order~~  
2.3 ~~in which the armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are awarded~~  
2.4 ~~according to presidential executive order, and any additional period or place that the~~  
2.5 ~~commissioner determines and designates, after consultation with the United States~~  
2.6 ~~Department of Defense, to be a period or place where the United States is in a conflict that~~  
2.7 ~~places persons at such a risk that service in a foreign country during that period or in that~~  
2.8 ~~place should be considered to be included.~~

2.9 (h) ~~"Veteran" has the meaning given in section 197.447. Veteran also includes a service~~  
2.10 ~~member who has received an honorable discharge after leaving each period of federal active~~  
2.11 ~~duty service and has:~~

2.12 ~~(1) served 90 days or more of federal active duty in a foreign country during a time of~~  
2.13 ~~hostilities in that country; or~~

2.14 ~~(2) been awarded any of the following medals:~~

2.15 ~~(i) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;~~

2.16 ~~(ii) Kosovo Campaign Medal;~~

2.17 ~~(iii) Afghanistan Campaign Medal;~~

2.18 ~~(iv) Iraq Campaign Medal;~~

2.19 ~~(v) Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; or~~

2.20 ~~(vi) any other campaign medal authorized for service after September 11, 2001; or~~

2.21 ~~(3) received a service-related medical discharge from any period of service in a foreign~~  
2.22 ~~country during a time of hostilities in that country.~~

2.23 A service member who has fulfilled the requirements for being a veteran ~~under this paragraph~~  
2.24 but is still serving actively in the United States armed forces is also a veteran for the purposes  
2.25 of this section.