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A bill for an act

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relating to veterans; expanding the definition of veteran to include Special Guerrilla

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Unit forces; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.447.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.447, is amended to read:

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197.447 VETERAN, DEFINED.

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(a) The word "veteran" as used in Minnesota Statutes, except in sections 136F.28, 196.21,

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and 243.251, means a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has been separated

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under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the United States after

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having served on active duty for 181 consecutive days or by reason of disability incurred

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while serving on active duty, or who has met the minimum active duty requirement as

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defined by Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, section 3.12a, or who has active military

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service certified under section 401, Public Law 95-202. The active military service must

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be certified by the United States secretary of defense as active military service and a discharge

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under honorable conditions must be issued by the secretary.

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(b) The word veteran also means an individual whom the commissioner of veterans

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affairs determines served honorably with the Special Guerilla Unit or irregular forces

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operating from a base in Laos in support of the armed forces of the United States at any

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time during the period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 14, 1975.