

House Bill 3470

Sponsored by Representative COWAN; Representatives HOLVEY, MATTHEWS, MAURER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Defines "veteran" for purposes of section 3, Article XI-A of Oregon Constitution.

Takes effect only if amendment to Oregon Constitution by House Joint Resolution 7 (2009) changing eligibility requirements for loan from Oregon War Veterans' Fund is approved by people at next general election. Takes effect on January 1, 2011.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to veterans; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. As used in section 3, Article XI-A of the Oregon Constitution, "veteran"**
5 **means a person who:**

6 (1) **Served on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States:**

7 (a) **For a period of more than 90 consecutive days beginning on or before January 31,**
8 **1955, and was discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions;**

9 (b) **For a period of more than 178 consecutive days beginning after January 31, 1955, and**
10 **was discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions;**

11 (c) **For 178 days or less and was discharged or released from active duty under honorable**
12 **conditions because of a service-connected disability;**

13 (d) **For 178 days or less and was discharged or released from active duty under honorable**
14 **conditions and has a disability rating from the United States Department of Veterans Af-**
15 **fairs; or**

16 (e) **For at least one day in a combat zone and was discharged or released from active duty**
17 **under honorable conditions;**

18 (2) **Received a combat, expeditionary or campaign ribbon or medal for service in the**
19 **Armed Forces of the United States and was discharged or released from active duty under**
20 **honorable conditions; or**

21 (3) **Is receiving a nonservice-connected pension from the United States Department of**
22 **Veterans Affairs.**

23 **SECTION 2. This 2009 Act does not take effect unless the amendment to the Oregon**
24 **Constitution proposed by House Joint Resolution 7 (2009) is approved by the people at the**
25 **next regular general election held throughout this state. If House Joint Resolution 7 (2009)**
26 **is approved by the people, this 2009 Act takes effect on January 1, 2011.**
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.