

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.