**Section 2510.20 Definitions**

Active Duty − means active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, as evidenced by a DD form 2, United States Uniformed Service Identification Card, marked "Active" or "Active Duty".

Department − means the Department of Natural Resources.

Members − means Illinois resident military, guard or reserve members.

Mobilization − means that Reserves or Guard Members were called to active duty by the President of the United States under Title 10 or Title 32, United States Code.

Service Abroad − means active duty service outside of the 50 United States and the District of Columbia, and includes all active duty service in territories and possessions of the United States.

Verification of Service or Mobilization − means official documentation from the Department of Defense or the appropriate Major Command showing mobilization dates or service abroad dates, including a DD-214, a letter from the Illinois Department of Military Affairs for members of the Illinois National Guard, a letter from the Regional Reserve Command for members of the Armed Forces Reserve, a letter from the Major Command covering Illinois for active duty members, or personnel records for mobilized State employees. A copy of orders shall not be accepted as verification.

Veteran − means an Illinois resident who is a former member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as evidenced by a form DD-214.

(Source: Amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 3902, effective February 24, 2012)