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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4288

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4288 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Veterans Preference Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (330 ILCS 55/1) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 23)

7 Sec. 1. Veterans preference.

8 (a) In the employment and appointment to fill positions in  
9 the construction, addition to, or alteration of all public  
10 works undertaken or contracted for by the State, or by any  
11 political subdivision thereof, preference shall be given to  
12 persons who have been members of the armed forces of the United  
13 States or who, while citizens of the United States, were  
14 members of the armed forces of allies of the United States in  
15 time of hostilities with a foreign country, and have served  
16 under one or more of the following conditions:

- 1           (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or  
2           (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities  
3           regardless of the length of engagement, or  
4           (3) The veteran served in the theater of operations but  
5           was discharged on the basis of a hardship, or  
6           (4) The veteran was released from active duty because  
7           of a service connected disability and was honorably  
8           discharged. But such preference shall be given only to  
9           those persons who are found to possess the business  
10          capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties  
11          of such employment. No political subdivision or person  
12          contracting for such public works is required to give  
13          preference to veterans, not residents of such district,  
14          over residents thereof, who are not veterans.

15          For the purposes of this Section, a person who has been a  
16          member of the Illinois National Guard shall be given priority  
17          over a person who has been a member of the National Guard of  
18          any other state.

19          (b) As used in this Section:

20          "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means any  
21          period of time in the past, present, or future during which a  
22          declaration of war by the United States Congress has been or is  
23          in effect or during which an emergency condition has been or is  
24          in effect that is recognized by the issuance of a Presidential  
25          proclamation or a Presidential executive order and in which the  
26          armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service

1 medals are awarded according to Presidential executive order.

2 "Armed forces of the United States" means the United States  
3 Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, United  
4 States Reserve Forces, or the Illinois National Guard of any  
5 state. Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active  
6 duty under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202 shall also  
7 be considered service in the Armed Forces of the United States  
8 for purposes of this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 95-566, eff. 8-31-07.)".