



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

HB4944

Introduced 2/18/2020, by Rep. Joyce Mason

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 70/1.43 new

Amends the Statute on Statutes. Provides that, in determining the meaning of any statute or rule or interpretation by the various administrative agencies of this State, for purposes of determining eligibility for any veterans benefit available from the State, the words "honorable discharge" and "honorably discharged" include a discharge under other than honorable conditions due to post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, status as a survivor of sexual assault or harassment, LGBTQ-related issues, or mental health issues, but do not include a bad conduct discharge or a dishonorable discharge.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 Statute on Statutes is amended by adding
5 Section 1.43 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 70/1.43 new)

7 Sec. 1.43. Honorably discharged; veterans benefits. In
8 determining the meaning of any statute or rule or
9 interpretation by the various administrative agencies of this
10 State, for purposes of determining eligibility for any veterans
11 benefit available from the State, the words "honorable
12 discharge" and "honorably discharged" include a discharge
13 under other than honorable conditions due to post-traumatic
14 stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, status as a survivor
15 of sexual assault or harassment, LGBTQ-related issues, or
16 mental health issues, but do not include a bad conduct
17 discharge or a dishonorable discharge.