

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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 1.44 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 70/1.44 new)

7 Sec. 1.44. 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
11 veterans benefit available from the State, the words
12 "honorable discharge" and "honorably discharged" include a
13 discharge under other than honorable conditions or general
14 discharge under honorable conditions if only due to a person's
15 sexual orientation or gender identity but does not include a
16 bad conduct discharge or a dishonorable discharge.