

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Veterans' Affairs Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2805/4) (from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 69)

7 Sec. 4. A service officer shall be assigned to each field
8 office. All service officers and any supervisors, including
9 the field manager, within the field division ~~He~~ must be an
10 honorably discharged veteran from service in the Armed Forces
11 of the United States. They ~~He~~ must have served during a time of
12 hostilities with a foreign country, and must meet one or more
13 of the following conditions:

14 (i) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months.

15 (ii) The veteran served for the duration of
16 hostilities regardless of the length of engagement.

17 (iii) The veteran was discharged on the basis of
18 hardship.

19 (iv) The veteran was released from active duty because
20 of a service-connected ~~service-connected~~ disability and
21 was discharged under honorable conditions.

22 As used in this Section, "time of hostilities with a
23 foreign country" means any period of time in the past,

1 present, or future during which a declaration of war by the
2 United States Congress has been or is in effect or during which
3 an emergency condition has been or is in effect that is
4 recognized by the issuance of a Presidential proclamation or a
5 Presidential executive order and in which the armed forces
6 expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are
7 awarded according to Presidential executive order.

8 (Source: P.A. 88-275.)