

**SB0997**



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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

330 ILCS 55/1

from Ch. 126 1/2, par. 23

Amends the Veterans Preference Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning a preference given to veterans in employment and appointment to fill certain public works positions.

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

16 (1) The veteran served a total of at least 6 months, or

17 (2) The veteran served for the duration of hostilities  
18 regardless of the length of engagement, or

19 (3) The veteran served in the theater of operations but  
20 was discharged on the basis of a hardship, or

21 (4) The veteran was released from active duty because  
22 of a service connected disability and was honorably  
23 discharged. But such preference shall be given only to  
24 those persons who are found to possess the business  
25 capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties  
26 of such employment. No political subdivision or person  
27 contracting for such public works is required to give  
28 preference to veterans, not residents of such district,  
29 over residents thereof, who are not veterans.

30 As used in this Section:

31 "Time of hostilities with a foreign country" means any  
32 period of time in the past, present, or future during which

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

8 "Armed forces of the United States" means the United  
9 States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard.  
10 Service in the Merchant Marine that constitutes active duty  
11 under Section 401 of federal Public Law 95-202 shall also  
12 be considered service in the Armed Forces of the United  
13 States for purposes of this Section.

14 (Source: P.A. 87-796.)