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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3686

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 3686 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Veterans' and Military Discount Program Act.

6 Section 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly  
7 finds that though there is no way to adequately repay our  
8 nation's military personnel for their service and sacrifice, we  
9 can demonstrate our gratitude by forging a collaborative effort  
10 between businesses and government that will connect veterans  
11 and active duty service members with merchants who choose to  
12 honor their military service through special discounts and  
13 promotions.

14 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program, created under  
15 this Act, will enable veterans (those honorably discharged and  
16 other veterans generally discharged for reasons other than

1 discipline, misconduct, resignation in lieu of misconduct  
2 charges, unfitness for duty, voluntary resignation, or court  
3 martial) and military personnel currently serving our country  
4 to receive a discount on goods and services from participating  
5 merchants, or another appropriate money-saving promotion of a  
6 merchant's choice.

7 The Veterans' and Military Discount Program will be  
8 mutually beneficial, helping active duty service members and  
9 veterans in the State save money with discounts on goods and  
10 services, and helping business owners to enjoy increased  
11 traffic and sales in their stores.

12 Section 10. Veterans' and Military Discount Program. The  
13 Department of Veterans' Affairs shall establish and administer  
14 a Veterans' and Military Discount Program that enables veterans  
15 and active duty military personnel to use the following photo  
16 identification at participating merchants to receive a  
17 discount on goods and services or to receive another  
18 appropriate money-saving promotion of a merchant's choice:

19 (1) veterans who have a valid driver's license or  
20 Illinois Identification Card issued pursuant to subsection  
21 (e) of Section 6-106 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or  
22 subsection (c-5) of Section 4 of the Illinois  
23 Identification Card Act; and

24 (2) active duty military personnel who have a valid  
25 Common Access Card issued by the U.S. Department of Defense

1           indicating the cardholder's active duty status.

2           Section 15. Outreach program. The Department shall develop  
3 and implement an outreach program to ensure that active duty  
4 service members, veterans, and potential merchant-participants  
5 in the State are made aware of the Veterans' and Military  
6 Discount Program. However, the Department shall not be required  
7 to conduct such outreach in a county offering a similar  
8 discount program. The Secretary of State may also assist in  
9 promoting and disseminating information on the Veterans' and  
10 Military Discount Program.

11           Section 20. Rules. The Department of Veterans' Affairs  
12 shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this Act.

13           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
14 becoming law.".