

AN ACT concerning government.

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

Section 5. The Statute on Statutes is amended by adding
Section 1.44 as follows:

(5 ILCS 70/1.44 new)

Sec. 1.44. Honorably discharged; veterans benefits. 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 or general
discharge under honorable conditions if only due to a person's
sexual orientation or gender identity but does not include a
bad conduct discharge or a dishonorable discharge.