

SENATE No. 1175

[Senate, May 4, 1967 — Moved (Nuciforo) as substituted for report of committee on Military Affairs, "reference to the next annual session (under Joint Rule 10)" on the petition, accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 563.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT REDEFINING "VIETNAM VETERAN."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Clause Forty-third of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General
- 2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the eighth paragraph,
- 3 inserted by chapter 716 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in
- 4 place thereof the following paragraph: —
- 5 "Vietnam veteran" shall mean any veteran who has served
- 6 more than one hundred and eighty days on active duty in
- 7 the armed forces of the United States between February first,
- 8 nineteen hundred and fifty-five and the termination of the
- 9 Vietnam campaign as declared by proper federal authority,
- 10 provided that any person so serving who was awarded a serv-
- 11 ice-connected disability, a purple heart, or who died as a result
- 12 of such service, under conditions other than dishonorable,
- 13 shall be deemed to be a veteran notwithstanding his failure to
- 14 complete more than one hundred and eighty days of active
- 15 service, and provided further that the one hundred and eighty-
- 16 one days required on active duty does not include active duty
- 17 for training in the Army, or Air National Guard, or as a re-
- 18 servist in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast
- 19 Guard Reserve.

