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Accompanying the third recommendation of the Commissioner of Veterans' Services (House, No. 170). Military Affairs.

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## 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 the  
7 armed forces of the United States between February first, nine-  
8 teen hundred and fifty-five and the termination of the Vietnam  
9 campaign as declared by proper federal authority, provided  
10 that any person so serving who was awarded a service-connected  
11 disability, a purple heart, or who died as a result of such service,  
12 under conditions other than dishonorable, shall be deemed to be  
13 a veteran notwithstanding his failure to complete one hundred  
14 and eighty days of active service.

Approved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America on this 15th day of June 1910.

**The Commission on Governmental**

**Reorganization**

**Report**

Presented to the Senate and House of Representatives in pursuance of a resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives passed July 29, 1909, and amended July 29, 1910.

1. Chapter I, section 1, of the Act of July 29, 1909, authorized the Commission to study the organization of the executive branch of the Government and to report thereon to the Senate and House of Representatives.

2. The Commission has the honor to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of the various departments and bureaus of the Government in the performance of its duty.

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