

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition of Robert D. Wetmore, Jacqueline Lewis and Daniel Witcher for legislation to extend veterans benefits. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

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AN ACT TO EXTEND VETERANS' BENEFITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Clause forty-third of section 7 of Chapter 4 of  
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 155 of  
3 the Acts of 1976, is hereby further amended by deleting the  
4 definition of "Wartime Service" and substituting in place there-  
5 of the following new paragraph: —

6 "wartime service" shall mean service performed by a "spanish  
7 war veteran," a "world war I veteran," a "world war II veteran,"  
8 a "Korean veteran," a "Vietnam veteran," a "Lebanese peace-  
9 keeping force veteran," a "Grenada rescue mission veteran," or  
10 a member of the "WAAC" as defined in this clause during any  
11 of the periods of time described herein or for which such medals  
12 described below are awarded.

1 SECTION 2. Clause forty-third of section 7 of Chapter 4 of  
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 155 of  
3 the Acts of 1976, is hereby further amended by adding after the  
4 definition of "Vietnam Veteran" the following definition: —

5 "Lebanese Peace-Keeping Force Veteran" shall mean any  
6 person who performed such wartime service and received a  
7 campaign medal for such service during the period commencing  
8 August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and eighty-two and ending  
9 when the President of the United States shall have withdrawn such  
10 forces from Lebanon.

11 "Grenadian Rescue Mission Veteran" shall mean any person

12 who performed such wartime service and received a campaign  
13 medal for such service during the period commencing October  
14 twenty-five, nineteen hundred and eighty-three and ending  
15 December fifteen, nineteen hundred and eighty-three, inclusive.