

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1592**

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**Introduced by Committee on Veterans Affairs (Parra (Chair),  
Cohn, Kehoe, Matthews, Mullin, Nakano, Salinas, and Wiggins)**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 890 of the Military and Veterans Code, relating to veterans.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1592, as introduced, Committee on Veterans Affairs. Veteran.

Existing law defines “veteran” for the purposes of the various programs bestowing benefits upon veterans, including, but not limited to, educational assistance for dependents of veterans, provisions for burial of veterans, the veterans farm and home purchase program, and disabled veterans participation goals for professional bond services and state contracts.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that definition.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 890 of the Military and Veterans Code  
2 is amended to read:

3 890. As used in this article:

4 (a) “Veterans” means (1) any person who served in the Army,  
5 Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States and was killed in action  
6 or died as a result of war service in the World War since April 6,

1 1917; (2) any member of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard or Marine  
 2 Corps of the United States, or any of their auxiliaries, including,  
 3 but not limited to, the Philippine Commonwealth Army, the  
 4 Regular Scouts (“Old Scouts”), and the Special Philippine Scouts  
 5 (“New Scouts”), who was killed in action in World War II on or  
 6 after December 7, 1941, and prior to January 1, 1947, or who died  
 7 at any time as a result of war service during ~~such~~ *that* period; (3)  
 8 any member of the armed forces of the United States who was  
 9 killed in action during any period of hostilities in which the United  
 10 States is engaged, or who died or was totally disabled at any time  
 11 as a result of active service during ~~any such~~ *that* period or during  
 12 the induction period; or (4) any person who, at the time of entry  
 13 into the armed forces of the United States was a resident of this  
 14 state and was subsequently declared by the United States  
 15 government to be missing in action, captured in the line of duty by  
 16 hostile forces, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty  
 17 by a foreign government or power.

18 (b) “Dependent of a veteran” means the natural or adopted  
 19 child of a veteran, or stepchild of a veteran as defined by the United  
 20 States Department of Veterans Affairs for compensation purposes,  
 21 the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran, or the spouse of a  
 22 totally disabled veteran.

23 (c) “Induction period” means (1) the period beginning  
 24 September 16, 1940, and ending December 6, 1941, and the period  
 25 beginning January 1, 1947, and ending June 26, 1950, and (2) the  
 26 period beginning on February 1, 1955, and ending on the day  
 27 before the first day thereafter on which individuals (other than  
 28 individuals liable for induction by reason of a prior deferment) are  
 29 no longer liable for induction for training and service into the  
 30 armed forces under the Universal Military Training and Service  
 31 Act.

