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**HOUSE BILL 16-1125**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING CREATING A COLORADO STATUTORY REFERENCE TO**  
102 **CONFORM WITH THE FEDERAL DEFINITION OF "VETERAN".**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill creates a Colorado statutory reference to conform with the federal definition of "veteran".

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 26, 2016

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
February 9, 2016

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 8, 2016

1           **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly  
2 finds and declares that it is beneficial to establish in Colorado law a  
3 consistent definition of "veteran" and that it would be beneficial for this  
4 definition to align with the federal definition of "veteran". The general  
5 assembly also finds that the establishment of a consistent definition  
6 should not limit the ability of the legislature to use an alternate definition,  
7 as appropriate, for specific legislation.

8           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 28-5-100.3 as  
9 follows:

10           **28-5-100.3. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE  
11 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

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13           (1) "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE  
14 MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO WAS  
15 DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN  
16 DISHONORABLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S.C. TITLE 38, AS AMENDED.

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18           **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 28-5-223 as  
19 follows:

20           **28-5-223. Application.** The provisions of this part 2 relating to  
21 surety bonds and the administration of estates of wards shall apply to all  
22 "income" and "estate" as defined in ~~section 28-5-202~~ SECTION 28-5-100.3,  
23 whether the guardian has been appointed under this part 2 or under any  
24 other law of this state, special or general, prior or subsequent to the  
25 enactment of this part 2.

26           **SECTION 4.** **Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
27 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
2 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a  
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
7 November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.