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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and  
3 to read as follows:

4                                   **"PART III. VETERANS BONUS**

5           **§363-A Veterans bonus; qualification.** (a) A veterans  
6 bonus shall be paid to any veteran, or to the dependents of a  
7 deceased veteran, if the veteran:

- 8           (1) Was a legal resident of the State for at least six  
9                 months immediately preceding entry into the armed  
10                services of the United States;
- 11           (2) Is still in the armed services of the United States or  
12                was separated or discharged from the armed services of  
13                the United States honorably or under honorable  
14                conditions;
- 15           (3) Served for at least thirty days in active duty in the  
16                armed services of the United States; and
- 17           (4) Received or is eligible to receive, for service  
18                between August 2, 1990 and the termination date:



- 1 (A) The armed forces expeditionary medal;
- 2 (B) Kosovo campaign medal;
- 3 (C) Global war on terrorism expeditionary medal;
- 4 (D) Global war on terrorism service medal;
- 5 (E) Southwest Asia service medal; or
- 6 (F) Other United States campaign or service medal
- 7 awarded for participation outside the boundaries
- 8 of the United States in combat operations against
- 9 hostile forces; or

10 (5) Served at least thirty days in the armed services of  
11 the United States between September 11, 2001 and the  
12 termination date.

13 (b) The act of performing military duty in the State at an  
14 assigned military station shall not by itself satisfy the  
15 residency requirement for veterans bonus purposes.

16 (c) A claim for a veterans bonus shall be submitted to the  
17 office no later than three years after the termination date.

18 (d) The office shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as  
19 necessary for the administration of this part.

20 **§363-B Definitions.** For the purposes of this part:



1 "Termination date" means the date that is established by  
2 legislative act as the last day that qualifying service as a  
3 veteran is calculated for a veterans bonus.

4 "Veteran" means any person who has served in any of the  
5 armed services of the United States.

6 **§363-C Hawaii national guard or federal reserves;**

7 **qualification.** A veteran who does not satisfy the residency  
8 requirement pursuant to section 363-A, but who would otherwise  
9 qualify for a veterans bonus based on service in a unit of the  
10 Hawaii national guard or a Hawaii-based unit of the armed forces  
11 reserve shall be eligible for the veterans bonus if the veteran  
12 is not eligible for a similar benefit from any other state,  
13 territory, possession, or commonwealth of the United States.

14 **§363-D Veterans bonus; amount.** (a) A qualifying veteran  
15 pursuant to section 363-A(a)(4) shall be paid \$150 for the first  
16 month of service in any area qualifying for any of the medals  
17 listed under subsection 363-A(a)(4), and \$50 for each subsequent  
18 month of service between August 2, 1990 and the termination  
19 date. The maximum veterans bonus amount for a qualifying  
20 veteran pursuant to subsection 363-A(a)(4), shall be \$500.

21 (b) A qualifying veteran pursuant to subsection 363-  
22 A(a)(5) shall be paid \$100 for the first month of active duty



1 between September 11, 2005 and the termination date, and \$20 for  
2 each subsequent month of active duty during that period. The  
3 maximum veterans bonus amount for a qualifying veteran pursuant  
4 to subsection 363-A(a)(5), shall be \$240.

5 (c) The maximum veterans bonus amount for a qualifying  
6 veteran who qualifies pursuant to both subsections 363-A(a)(4)  
7 and (a)(5) shall be \$500."

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended as follows:

10 1. By designating sections 363-1 to 363-3.5 as part I and  
11 inserting a title before section 363-1 to read:

12 **"PART I. OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES"**

13 2. By designating sections 363-4 to 363-12 as part II and  
14 inserting a title before section 363-4 to read:

15 **"PART II. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"**

16 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
19 veterans bonus payments.

20 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
21 defense for the purposes of this Act.





**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Veterans Bonus

**Description:**

Establishes a veterans bonus for qualifying veterans.

