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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 Definitions. For the purposes of this part, unless
6	the context otherwise requires:
7	"Termination date" means the date that is established by
8	law or presidential proclamation as the last day that qualifying
9	service as a veteran is calculated for a veterans bonus.
10	"Veteran" means any person who has served in any of the
11	armed services of the United States.
12	<b>§363-B Veterans bonus; qualification.</b> (a) A veterans
13	bonus shall be paid to a veteran, or to the dependents of a
14	deceased veteran, if the veteran:
15	(1) Was a legal resident of the State for at least six
16	months immediately preceding entry into the armed
17	services of the United States;



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1	(2)	Is still in the armed services of the United States or
2		was separated or discharged from the armed services of
3		the United States through a fully honorable military
4		discharge;
5	(3)	Served for at least thirty days in active duty in the
6		armed services of the United States and received or is
7		eligible to receive, for service between August 2,
8		1990, and the termination date:
9		(A) The armed forces expeditionary medal;
10		(B) Kosovo campaign medal;
11		(C) Global war on terrorism expeditionary medal;
12		(D) Global war on terrorism service medal;
13		(E) Southwest Asia service medal; or
14		(F) Other United States campaign or service medal
15		awarded for participation outside the boundaries
16		of the United States in combat operations against
17		hostile forces; or
18	(4)	Served at least thirty days in the armed services of
19		the United States between September 11, 2001, and the
20		termination date.



1 (b) The act of performing military duty in the State at an 2 assigned military station shall not by itself satisfy the 3 residency requirement for veterans bonus purposes. 4 A claim for a veterans bonus shall be submitted to the (C)5 office no later than three years after the termination date. 6 The office shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as (d) 7 necessary for the administration of this part. 8 §363-C Hawaii national guard or federal reserves; 9 qualification. A veteran who does not satisfy the residency 10 requirement pursuant to section 363-B, but who would otherwise 11 qualify for a veterans bonus based on service in a unit of the 12 Hawaii national guard or a Hawaii-based unit of the armed forces 13 reserve, shall be eligible for the veterans bonus if the veteran 14 is not eligible for a similar benefit from any other state, territory, possession, or commonwealth of the United States. 15 16 §363-D Veterans bonus; amount. (a) A veteran qualifying 17 pursuant to section 363-B(a)(3) shall be paid \$150 for the first 18 month of service in any area qualifying for any of the medals listed under section 363-B(a)(3), and \$50 for each subsequent 19 20 month of service between August 2, 1990, and the termination date. The maximum veterans bonus amount for a veteran 21 qualifying pursuant to section 363-B(a)(3) shall be \$500. 22

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1	(b) A veteran qualifying pursuant to section 363-B(a)(4)
2	shall be paid \$100 for the first month of active duty between
3	September 11, 2005, and the termination date, and \$20 for each
4	subsequent month of active duty during that period. The maximum
5	veterans bonus amount for a veteran qualifying pursuant to
6	section 363-B(a)(4) shall be \$240.
7	(c) The maximum veterans bonus amount for a veteran
8	qualifying pursuant to section 363-B(a)(3) and (4) shall be
9	\$500."
10	SECTION 2. Chapter 363, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11	amended as follows:
12	1. By designating sections 363-1 to 363-3.5 as part I,
13	entitled:
14	"OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES".
15	2. By designating sections 363-4 to 363-13 as part II,
16	entitled:
17	"MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS".
18	SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
19	revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
20	much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 and
21	the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
22	year 2010-2011 for veterans bonus payments.

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1	The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2	of defense for the purposes of this Act.
3	SECTION 4. In codifying the new sections added by section
4	1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute
5	appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating
6	the new sections in this Act.
7	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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## Description:

Establishes a veterans bonus for qualifying veterans.

