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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act to include members of the Iowa national guard who served a  
2 minimum aggregate of ninety days of active state service as  
3 veterans for benefit and preference purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 35.1, subsection 2, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (2), Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served  
4 at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard after January  
5 28, 1973, and who were discharged under honorable conditions.  
6 However, a member of the Iowa national guard who was activated  
7 for federal duty service or who was activated for active state  
8 service by order of the governor at the request of the  
9 president of the United States, other than for training, for a  
10 minimum aggregate of ninety days, and was discharged under  
11 honorable conditions or was retired under Title X of the  
12 United States Code, shall be included as a veteran.

13 Sec. 2. Section 25B.2, subsection 3, does not apply to the  
14 benefits and property tax exemptions and credits available to  
15 veterans.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that active state service served by a  
18 member of the Iowa national guard by the order of the governor  
19 at the request of the president of the United States, for  
20 purposes other than for training, shall be considered to meet  
21 the minimum aggregate of 90 days' service to qualify as a  
22 veteran. The member must also be discharged under honorable  
23 conditions or retired under Title X of the United States Code.  
24 Current law provides that only a minimum aggregate of 90 days  
25 of federal service qualifies even though active state service  
26 is also federally authorized and funded. Upon discharge under  
27 honorable conditions or retirement from the Iowa national  
28 guard with the minimum aggregate of 90 days active state  
29 service, the veteran and the veteran's family are eligible for  
30 veteran benefits including the military property tax exemption  
31 and credit.

32 Code section 25B.2, subsection 3, relating to state funding  
33 of mandates does not apply to the provisions of this bill.

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