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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 2055** Session of  
2003

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OCTOBER 1, 2003

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, OCTOBER 1, 2003

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further defining "soldier."

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 7101 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 7101. Soldier defined.

8 As used in this chapter, "soldier" means a person who served  
9 in the armed forces of the United States, or in any women's  
10 organization officially connected therewith, during any war or  
11 armed conflict in which the United States engaged, or who so  
12 served or hereafter serves in the armed forces of the United  
13 States, or in any women's organization officially connected  
14 therewith, since July 27, 1953, including service in Vietnam,

1 and who has an honorable discharge from such service. The term  
2 includes those who served honorably in an active duty status for  
3 a period of not less than six months regardless of fulfillment  
4 of their initial contractual enlistment.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.