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HB 2210

Amending the act of May 22, 1945 (P. L. 837), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and requiring in certain cases preference in appointments to and retention in public position or on public works for honorably discharged persons who served in the military or naval service during any war or armed conflict in which the United States engaged; and in certain cases for the widows and wives of such persons," extending civil service preference to veterans of certain such service including Vietnam.

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

Section 1. The title and section 1, act of May 22, 1945 (P. L. 837), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for and requiring in certain cases preference in appointments to and retention in public position or on public works for honorably discharged persons who served in the military or naval service during any war or armed conflict in which the United States engaged; and in certain cases for the widows and wives of such persons," amended December 7, 1955 (P. L. 804), are amended to read:

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Providing for and requiring in certain cases preference in appointments to and retention in public position or on public works for honorably discharged persons who served in the military or naval service during any war or armed conflict in which the United States engaged or served therein since July 1, 1958, or hereafter so serves including service in Vietnam; and in certain cases for the widows and wives of such persons.

Section 1. The word "soldier" as used in this act, shall be construed to mean a person who served in the armed forces of the United States, or in any women's organization officially connected therewith, during any war or armed conflict in which the United States engaged, or who so served or hereafter serves in the armed forces of the United States, or in any women's organization officially connected therewith, since July 1, 1958, including service in Vietnam, and who has an honorable discharge from such service.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 25th day of January, A. D. 1966.

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