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SENATE BILL 369

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS; INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD
AND RESERVES IN THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" IN THE VETERANS'
SERVICES DEPARTMENT ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-22-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2004,
Chapter 19, Section 3) is amended to read:

"9-22-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Veterans' Services
Department Act:

A. "department" means the veterans' services
department;

B. "secretary" means the secretary of veterans'
services; and

C. "veteran" means a New Mexico resident who:

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

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1 (2) was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted
2 or commissioned in the:

3 (a) armed forces of the United States
4 and was accepted for and assigned to active duty in the armed
5 forces of the United States; [~~and~~]

6 (b) Army reserve, Navy reserve, Marine
7 Corps reserve, Air Force reserve, Coast Guard reserve, Army
8 National Guard or Air National Guard and was accepted for and
9 assigned to duty for a minimum of six continuous years; or

10 (c) United States public health service
11 commissioned corps or the national oceanic and atmospheric
12 administration commissioned officer corps and served in the
13 capacity of a commissioned officer while on active duty in
14 defense of the United States; and

15 (3) was not separated from such service under
16 circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge."

17 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
18 provisions of this act is July 1, 2012.