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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          **§363-B Veterans bonus; qualification.** (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;



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;

18 or

19 (4) Served at least thirty days in the armed services of  
20 the United States between September 11, 2001, and the  
21 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 (c) A claim for a veterans bonus shall be submitted to the  
5 office no later than three years after the termination date.

6 (d) The office shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 as  
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,  
15 territory, possession, or commonwealth of the United States.

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  
19 listed under section 363-B(a)(3), and \$50 for each subsequent  
20 month of service between August 2, 1990, and the termination  
21 date. The maximum veterans bonus amount for a veteran  
22 qualifying pursuant to section 363-B(a)(4) shall be \$500.



1 (b) A veteran qualifying pursuant to subsection 363-  
2 B(a)(4) shall be paid \$100 for the first month of active duty  
3 between September 11, 2005, and the termination date, and \$20  
4 for each subsequent month of active duty during that period.  
5 The maximum veterans bonus amount for a veteran qualifying  
6 pursuant to section 363-B(a)(5) 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 and  
13 adding a title before section 363-1 to read:

14 "PART I. OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES"

15 2. By designating sections 363-4 to 363-13 as part II and  
16 adding a title before section 363-4 to read:

17 "PART II. 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 2008-2009 for  
21 veterans bonus payments.



1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
2 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. New statutory material is underscored.

8           SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Appropriation; Veterans Bonus

**Description:**

Establishes a veterans bonus for qualifying veterans. (HB3019  
HD1)

