

# E N R O L L E D

## H. B. 2361

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(BY DELEGATES LONGSTRETH AND IAQUINTA)

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[Passed April 9, 2013; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to including persons who served honorably in the National Guard and Reserves or who were discharged because of a service connected disability in the definition of “eligible veteran” for certain state training and employment preference benefits.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §9A-4-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE 4. VETERANS EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PRIORITY.**

#### **§9A-4-2. Definitions.**

- 1       (a) “Eligible veteran” means a person who:
- 2           (1) Served on active duty and was discharged or released
- 3       from active duty with an honorable discharge or because of a
- 4       service connected disability;

5           (2) As a member of a reserve component under an order to  
6 active duty, served on active duty during a period of war or in a  
7 campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge or ribbon  
8 is authorized and was discharged or released from ~~such~~ duty with  
9 an honorable discharge; or

10           (3) Served as a member of a National Guard or Reserve  
11 component and completed his or her military obligation and  
12 received an honorable discharge from the National Guard or  
13 Reserve component or was discharged from the National Guard  
14 or Reserve component because of a service connected disability.

15           (b) “Priority of service” means the right to priority in any  
16 employment or training program offered citizens of West  
17 Virginia which is funded, in whole or in part, through federal or  
18 state moneys.

19           (c) “Reserve component” means any branch of the military,  
20 including any military defense forces.

21           (d) “Training program” means a program that provides  
22 training leading to qualification for employment, or improved  
23 skills, or both, funded, in whole or in part, through the workforce  
24 investment act or another federal or state act administered  
25 through the state and having as its primary purpose workforce  
26 development.

27           (e) “Training provider” means any private or public entity  
28 which has been certified by competent authority to provide  
29 training funded by federal or state funds appropriated in the  
30 budget under the jobs training partnership act or another federal  
31 or state act having as its primary purpose workforce develop-  
32 ment.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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*Governor*

