



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1045 Printer's No. 1356

Prime Sponsor: Vulakovich
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

SYNOPSIS:

Clarifies "Discharge Conditions other than Dishonorable."

SUMMARY:

SB 1045 would amend Title 51 (Military Affairs) by adding Section 104 (Character of Discharge) - stipulating that whenever a character of discharge is a prerequisite to eligibility for receiving a benefit under Title 51, an individual must have received a discharge from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

The bill would further stipulate that recipients of a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable include all of the following:

- (1) A recipient of an honorable discharge.
- (2) A recipient of a general, under honorable conditions, discharge.
- (3) A recipient of a discharge under other than honorable conditions for which the recipient has been determined to be eligible for benefits afforded by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Finally, the bill would provide an Exclusion -- stipulating that a recipient of a discharge under conditions other than dishonorable does not include a recipient of a dishonorable, bad conduct or undesirable discharge, or an uncharacterized discharge such as an entry-level separation.

Effective Date: 60 Days.

BILL HISTORY:

This is the first session this legislation has been introduced. This legislation is supported by the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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