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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to veterans; expanding the definition of veteran to include Special Guerrilla
1.3 Unit forces; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.447.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.447, is amended to read:

1.6 **197.447 VETERAN, DEFINED.**

1.7 (a) The word "veteran" as used in Minnesota Statutes, except in sections 136F.28, 196.21,
1.8 and 243.251, means a citizen of the United States or a resident alien who has been separated
1.9 under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the United States after
1.10 having served on active duty for 181 consecutive days or by reason of disability incurred
1.11 while serving on active duty, or who has met the minimum active duty requirement as
1.12 defined by Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, section 3.12a, or who has active military
1.13 service certified under section 401, Public Law 95-202. The active military service must
1.14 be certified by the United States secretary of defense as active military service and a discharge
1.15 under honorable conditions must be issued by the secretary.

1.16 (b) The word veteran also means an individual whom the commissioner of veterans
1.17 affairs determines served honorably with the Special Guerilla Unit or irregular forces
1.18 operating from a base in Laos in support of the armed forces of the United States at any
1.19 time during the period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 14, 1975.