

**NOTE: The governor signed this measure on 3/22/2016.**

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 16-1125

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also SENATOR(S) Baumgardner, Garcia, Lambert, Todd, Aguilar, Carroll, Cooke, Crowder, Donovan, Grantham, Guzman, Heath, Holbert, Jahn, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Neville T., Roberts, Scheffel, Scott, Sonnenberg, Tate, Ulibarri, Woods, Cadman.

CONCERNING CREATING A COLORADO STATUTORY REFERENCE TO CONFORM WITH THE FEDERAL DEFINITION OF "VETERAN".

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** The general assembly finds and declares that it is beneficial to establish in Colorado law a consistent definition of "veteran" and that it would be beneficial for this definition to align with the federal definition of "veteran". The general assembly also finds that the establishment of a consistent definition should not limit the ability of the legislature to use an alternate definition, as appropriate, for specific legislation.

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 28-5-100.3 as follows:

**28-5-100.3. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S.C. TITLE 38, AS AMENDED.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 28-5-223 as follows:

**28-5-223. Application.** The provisions of this part 2 relating to surety bonds and the administration of estates of wards shall apply to all "income" and "estate" as defined in ~~section 28-5-202~~ SECTION 28-5-100.3, whether the guardian has been appointed under this part 2 or under any other law of this state, special or general, prior or subsequent to the enactment of this part 2.

**SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless

approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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