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An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator KEIM of Oxford.
Cosponsored by Senators: FARRIN of Somerset, POULIOT of Kennebec.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §20, is further
3 amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

4 (1) During any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Conflict,
5 the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the periods from August 24, 1982 to July
6 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990, Operation Enduring
7 Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, or during the period
8 from February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961, or who were awarded the Armed
9 Forces Expeditionary Medal, when they have reached the age of 62 years or when
10 they are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States
11 Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a
12 veteran. A veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty after
13 February 27, 1961 and before May 8, 1975. "Persian Gulf War" means service on
14 active duty on or after August 2, 1990 and before or on the date that the United
15 States Government recognizes as the end of that war period; or

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows persons who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during
18 the period from February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961 to qualify for the veterans' property
19 tax exemption based on dates of service.