

VETERANS.

(1) The term "Second World War Veterans," as and when used in this Article, unless a contrary intention shall be manifest by the context, shall mean, be deemed to mean, and shall apply to any person who, at the time he seeks to invoke any of the provisions of this Article or at the time any such provisions become applicable to him, is a resident of Maryland, and who after May 1, 1940, and prior to the termination of the hostilities in which the United States is now engaged:

(a) Has been or shall be inducted into any of the land or naval forces of the United States, pursuant to the Act of Congress, known as the Selective Training Service Act of 1940, as amended, or any subsequent Act or amendments of a similar nature, or,

(b) Who, as a member of any reserve component of the land or naval forces of the United States, has now been or may hereafter be on active duty or service, or,

(c) Who has been enlisted in, or been commissioned in, the armed forces of the United States, or who may hereafter enlist or be commissioned in the armed forces of the United States, and

Who has either been honorably discharged from the land or naval forces of the United States, or has received a certificate of satisfactory completion of training and service in any of such forces, and

who, at the time of his entry into the armed forces of the United States, had been a resident of Maryland for the year immediately preceding, or who, if he had not been a resident for the year immediately preceding the time of his entry into the armed forces of the United States, had resided in the State for at least two of the three years immediately preceding such time, or who has resided in the State at least one year immediately preceding the time he invokes any of the provisions of this Article.

For the purposes of this Article, a person shall be deemed a resident of the State if he is a duly qualified voter therein, provided, however, that the fact that a person is not a duly qualified voter therein shall not, if by other applicable standards he is a resident, preclude him from being so classified.

2. A Second World War Veteran, shall be entitled to all preferences, benefits, rights and privileges and subject to all the obligations, liabilities and duties conferred or imposed by any of the existing laws of the State of Maryland passed prior to or at the 1945 Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, upon Veterans of the First World