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To: Accountability,
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SENATE BILL NO. 2863

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-301, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "DISABLED VETERAN" AS USED
3 FOR VETERANS PREFERENCE IN STATE EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-9-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 25-9-301. The following terms shall have the meaning
9 ascribed herein unless the context shall require otherwise:

10 (a) "Veteran" means a person who served in the active
11 Armed Forces of the United States for a period of ninety (90) days
12 during a period of war or armed conflict and was granted an
13 honorable discharge therefrom; or was discharged therefrom for a
14 service-connected injury in less than ninety (90) days.

15 (b) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who the Veterans
16 Administration has certified to have a service-connected
17 disability rating of at least thirty percent (30%) within the last
18 ninety (90) days, or a veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart
19 for wounds received in combat.



20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
21 and after July 1, 2019.

