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BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON THE
STATE PERSONNEL ACT
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Senator Bill Ray
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TO: Senator Bill Ray, Chairman

FROM: Teresa B. Cramer, Administrative Assistant *TBC*

DATE: February 27, 1980

RE: House Bill 906

Relating to the veterans' service preference under the state personnel system.

House Bill 906 addresses Recommendation 12 of the Blue Ribbon Commission's Report to the Alaska Legislature, concerning the veterans' preference system in the State Personnel Act.

This bill proposes two changes in the veterans' preference system statute. The first, a housekeeping measure, designates November 7, 1975, as the final date for eligibility for preference as a veteran of the Vietnam era. This date was selected on the basis of President Ford's proclamation that the Vietnam era ended on May 7, 1975. See attached copy.

The second change limits eligibility for veterans' preference points to a period of three years following discharge from the armed forces of the United States. The majority of the commission considered three years to be a reasonable period to assist veterans in their readjustments to civilian life and in their reentry into the civilian work force.

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No. 4373

May 9, 1975, 40 F.R. 20257

**FIXING TERMINAL DATE RESPECTING SERVICE IN THE ARMED
FORCES ENTITLING PERSONS TO CERTAIN
VETERANS BENEFITS**

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION**

The Congress has provided that entitlement to certain veterans benefits be limited to persons serving in the Armed Forces during the period, beginning August 5, 1964, referred to as the Vietnam era. The President is authorized to determine the last day on which a person must have entered the active military, naval, or air service of the United States in order for such service to qualify as service during that period.

The signing of the cease-fire agreements and implementing protocols on January 27, 1973, between the United States of America and the Republic of Vietnam, on the one hand, and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam on the other hand, has terminated active participation by the Armed Forces of the United States in the Vietnam conflict.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 101(29) of Title 38 of the United States Code, do hereby proclaim, for the purposes of said Section 101(29), that May 7, 1975, is designated as the last day of the "Vietnam era."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD