**Section 104.10 Definitions**

The following are definitions of terms used in this Part:

Act − The Viet Nam Veterans Compensation Act [330 ILCS 30].

Active Service – Military service performed under 32 USC or 10 USC, excluding time lost for Absent Without Leave or Absent on Leave.

Brothers and Sisters – Two or more individuals having one or both parents in common, the common parent being the deceased veteran.

Child or Children – All biological children, legally adopted children, stepchildren who were members of the household of a deceased veteran, and children of a partner in a civil union established pursuant to the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act [750 ILCS 75] with the veteran at the time of death.

Eligible Applicant − A person who meets the requirements of Section 104.30 or 104.40 and applies for compensation from the State under this Part.

In Loco Parentis – The legal doctrine under which an individual assumes parental rights, duties and obligations without going through the formalities of legal adoption; in no case shall it be a corporation or trust.

Mentally Incompetent – A finding of mental incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction of any state or the District of Columbia or by an adjudication officer of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Service-Connected Deaths – A death incurred in the line of duty, as determined by the arm of service (see Section 3 of the Act).

Veteran − A veteran of the Viet Nam Campaign eligible for compensation under the Act and this Part.

Viet Nam Area – The area within North and South Viet Nam, Viet Nam waters, the air over North and South Viet Nam and the air over Viet Nam waters.

Viet Nam Service Medal – The award shown under "Decorations, Medals, Etc." on an individual's DD214 or other discharge documentation indicating service during the Viet Nam Campaign.