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AN ACT to amend article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty-four, relating to providing high school diplomas to certain World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict and Vietnam Conflict veterans that did not graduate from high school; and rules.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That article two, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section thirty-four, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

§18-2-34. High school diplomas for World War I, World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Conflict veterans.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
2 contrary, the state board shall provide for the awarding of high
3 school diplomas, either by the county board in the county in
4 which the veteran resides or the county in which the veteran
5 would have received his or her diplomas, whichever location
6 the veteran chooses, to any surviving World War I veteran and
7 any World War II, Korean Conflict or Vietnam Conflict veteran
8 who:

9 (1) Left high school prior to graduation and served in the
10 armed forces of the United States;

11 (2) Did not receive a high school diploma;

12 (3) Was discharged from the armed services under honor-
13 able conditions; and

14 (4) Completes the application process as provided by the
15 joint rules of the state board and the veterans' council.

16 (b) The state board and the veterans' council, created in
17 article one, chapter nine-a of this code, shall jointly promulgate
18 rules for the identification of eligible veterans and for the
19 awarding of high school diplomas. The rules shall provide for
20 an application process and the credentials required to receive
21 the high school diplomas.

22 (c) For purposes of this section:

23 (1) "World War I veteran" means any veteran who:

24 (A) Performed wartime service between April sixth, one
25 thousand nine hundred seventeen, and November eleventh, one
26 thousand nine hundred eighteen; or

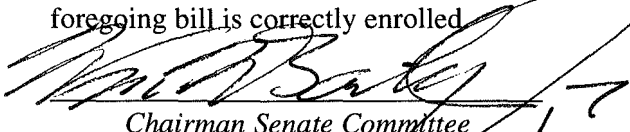
27 (B) Has been awarded the World War I Victory Medal;

28 (2) "World War II veteran" means any veteran who
29 performed wartime service between September sixteenth, one
30 thousand nine hundred forty, and December thirty-first, one
31 thousand nine hundred forty-six;

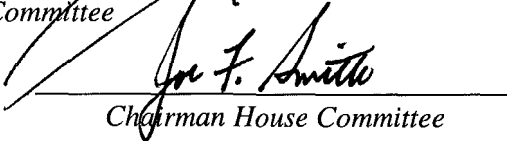
32 (3) "Korean Conflict veteran" means any veteran who
33 performed military service between June twenty-seventh, one
34 thousand nine hundred fifty, and January thirty-first, one
35 thousand nine hundred fifty-five; and

36 (4) "Vietnam Conflict veteran" means any veteran who
37 performed military service between February twenty-eighth,
38 one thousand nine hundred sixty-one, and May seventh, one
39 thousand nine hundred seventy-five.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled



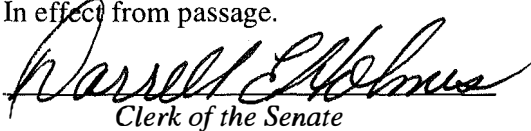
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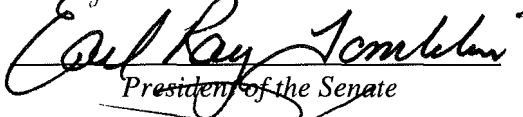
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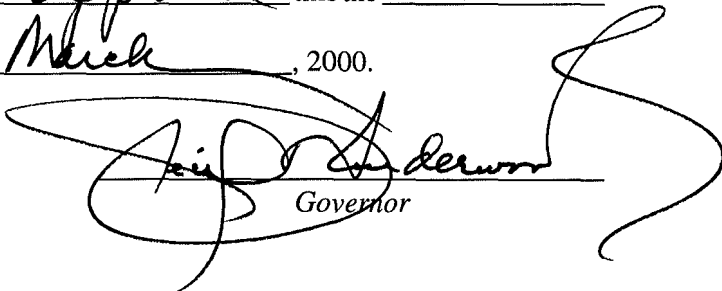


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 8th
day of March, 2000.



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