WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
House Bill No. 2423

(By Delegate Louisos)

Passed March 13, 2004

In Effect Ninety Days from Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2-34 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to authorizing awarding of high school diplomas to certain surviving veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §18-2-34 of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.


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

(1) Left school prior to graduation and served in the armed
forces of the United States: Provided, That a veteran of the
Korean Conflict or the Viet Nam Conflict must have been
attending high school at the time he or she left prior to graduat-
ing and served in the armed forces of the United States;

(2) Did not receive a high school diploma;

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

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

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

(c) For purposes of this section:

(1) “World War I veteran” means any veteran who:

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

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

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

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

(4) "Vietnam Conflict veteran" means any veteran who
performed military service between February twenty-eighth,
one thousand nine hundred sixty-one, and May seventh, one
thousand nine hundred seventy-five.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Greg Butcher
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the _2_ _2_ day of _April_, 2004.

Governor