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SENATE BILL 187

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMAS FOR CERTAIN KOREAN CONFLICT VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS-- KOREAN CONFLICT  
VETERANS. --

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the  
Public School Code, a local school board may issue a high  
school diploma to a Korean conflict veteran who:

(1) is an honorably discharged member of the  
armed forces of the United States;

(2) was scheduled to graduate from high school  
after 1950 and before 1955;

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1 (3) was a resident of New Mexico and attended  
2 a high school in the locality of the current school district;  
3 and

4 (4) left high school before graduation to  
5 serve in the Korean conflict.

6 B. A local school board may issue a high school  
7 diploma to a qualifying Korean conflict veteran regardless of  
8 whether the veteran holds a high school equivalency diploma or  
9 is deceased.

10 C. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules  
11 to carry out the provisions of this section, including:

12 (1) an application form to be submitted to the  
13 local school board by the Korean conflict veteran or a person  
14 acting on behalf of the veteran if the veteran is incapacitated  
15 or deceased; and

16 (2) what constitutes acceptable evidence of  
17 eligibility for a diploma."