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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 316, L.D. 466, Bill, “An Act To Provide an Honorary Diploma to Veterans”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Awarding a High School Diploma to Veterans'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§6, ¶C, as amended by PL 2011, c. 25, §1, is further amended to read:

- C. The person must have left secondary school ~~either~~:
 - (1) Before or during World War II to serve in the Armed Forces during World War II;
 - (2) Before or during the Korean Conflict to serve in the Armed Forces in the Korean Conflict; ~~or~~
 - (3) Before or during the Vietnam War to serve in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War era. For purposes of this subparagraph, "Vietnam War era" means the period beginning February 28, 1961 and ending May 7, 1975; or
 - (4) To serve in the Armed Forces during the period of wartime or peacetime after a period of wartime described in subparagraph (1), (2) or (3).

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4722-A, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 669, §7, is amended to read:

- E. A person may be awarded a high school diploma, including a posthumous award, if the person or a family member of the person applies to a secondary school and:
 - (1) The person:

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1 (a) Attended a secondary school in the geographic area now served by the
2 secondary school from which a diploma is requested; or

3 (b) Resides at the time of application for a diploma in the geographic area
4 served by the secondary school from which a diploma is requested;

5 (2) The person did not graduate or receive a diploma from a secondary school
6 because the person left secondary school to serve in the Armed Forces and served
7 during the following periods:

8 (a) World War II, from December 7, 1941 to August 16, 1945;

9 (b) The Korean Conflict; ~~or~~

10 (c) The Vietnam War era, from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; ~~and or~~

11 (d) The period of wartime or peacetime after a period of wartime described in
12 division (a), (b) or (c); and

13 (3) The person received an honorable discharge or a certificate of honorable
14 service from the Armed Forces.

15 For the purposes of this paragraph, "Armed Forces" means the United States Army,
16 Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines.'

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to make changes that are consistent with
19 the current statutory provisions established for awarding a high school diploma to
20 qualifying veterans of the United States Armed Forces who did not finish secondary
21 school during certain periods of wartime. The amendment adds provisions to the current
22 law that allow for awarding a high school diploma to a qualifying veteran who did not
23 finish secondary school during the period of wartime or peacetime that followed World
24 War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam War.