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SENATE BILL 220

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL
DIPLOMAS FOR CERTAIN WORLD WAR II 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-- WORLD WAR II
VETERANS. --

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the
Public School Code, a local school board may issue a high
school diploma to a World War II 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 1940 and before 1951;

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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 World War II.

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

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

12 (1) an application form to be submitted by
13 the World War II veteran or person acting on behalf of the
14 veteran if he is incapacitated or deceased; and

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