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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:

"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 June 27, 1950 and before January 31, 1955;

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

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

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

C. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules

1 to carry out the provisions of this section, including:

2 (1) an application form to be submitted to
3 the local school board by the Korean conflict veteran or a
4 person acting on behalf of the veteran if the veteran is
5 incapacitated or deceased; and

6 (2) what constitutes acceptable evidence of
7 eligibility for a diploma." _____

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