

SENATE BILL 897  
EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Bromwell and Hooper**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of  
Session

Introduced and read first time: March 8, 2002

Rules suspended

Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - High School Diplomas - World War II Veterans**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing an individual honorably discharged from military  
4 service to apply to certain county boards of education to obtain a high school  
5 diploma if the individual withdrew from a certain full-time public or private  
6 school in the individual's junior or senior year; making this Act an emergency  
7 measure; and generally relating to high school diplomas.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 7-206.1  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Education**

16 7-206.1.

17 (a) An individual honorably discharged from military service may apply to  
18 obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a regular full-time  
19 public or private school accredited by the State Board during the individual's JUNIOR  
20 OR senior year in high school to enlist in the armed forces of the United States during  
21 World War II.

22 (b) To obtain a high school diploma under subsection (a) of this section, the  
23 individual shall apply to the county board in the county where the individual resides  
24 or where the school from which the individual withdrew was located.

1 (c) Each county board shall adopt rules and regulations to establish  
2 procedures for awarding diplomas under this section.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
4 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
5 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
6 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
7 the date it is enacted.