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By: **Delegates Burns and Nathan-Pulliam**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - High School Diploma - Vietnam Conflict 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 under certain circumstances; requiring each county board of education to  
7 adopt certain rules and regulations; and generally relating to high school  
8 diplomas.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article - Education  
11 Section 7-206.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 7-206.1.

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

- 22 (1) World War II [or the];  
23 (2) THE Korean Conflict; OR  
24 (3) THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

25 (b) To obtain a high school diploma under subsection (a) of this section, the  
26 individual shall apply to the county board in the county where the individual resides  
27 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 shall take  
4 effect October 1, 2003.