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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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) (1) AN INDIVIDUAL HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE
19 MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHDREW
20 FROM A REGULAR FULL-TIME PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE

1 STATE BOARD DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S JUNIOR OR SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL
2 TO ENLIST IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II.

3 (2) An individual honorably discharged from military service may apply
4 to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a regular full-time
5 public or private school accredited by the State Board during the individual's senior
6 year in high school to enlist in the armed forces of the United States during [World
7 War II or] the Korean Conflict.

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

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

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