

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1374
(Representatives R. Kelsch, Mueller)
(Senators Freborg, O'Connell)

AN ACT relating to honorary high school diplomas for veterans; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. Honorary high school diplomas - Veterans of World War II.

1. Any World War II veteran who did not receive a high school diploma may apply for an honorary high school diploma, provided:
 - a. The veteran entered the United States armed forces between September 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946, prior to completing the necessary high school graduation requirements; and
 - b. The veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.
2. In order to receive an honorary high school diploma, the veteran or a representative of the veteran shall complete an application on a form prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction. A county veterans' service officer shall certify the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran who served during the qualifying period to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall forward the application to the school district in which the veteran last attended school before induction. If the school district no longer exists, the application must be forwarded to the school district that has jurisdiction. If a school district decides not to issue a diploma under this program, the veteran may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for the diploma.
3. The school district and the superintendent of public instruction shall review and either approve or deny each application received.
4. If a veteran who would have qualified for a diploma under this Act is deceased, a family member of the veteran may apply for and, if approved, be awarded the veteran's honorary high school diploma.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY. This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1374 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 96 Nays 0 Absent 2

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 44 Nays 0 Absent 5

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2001.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State