

Fifty-eighth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1227

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Aarsvold, Hunskor

Senators Freborg, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 37-01-42 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to honorary high school diplomas for Korean conflict veterans.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 37-01-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **37-01-42. Honorary high school diplomas - Veterans of World War II and Korean**
7 **conflict.**

8 1. Any World War II veteran who did not receive a high school diploma may apply for
9 an honorary high school diploma, provided:

10 a. The veteran entered the United States armed forces between September 16,
11 1940, and December 31, 1946, prior to completing the necessary high school
12 graduation requirements; and

13 b. The veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.

14 2. Any Korean conflict veteran who did not receive a high school diploma may apply
15 for an honorary high school diploma, provided:

16 a. The veteran was a member of the United States armed forces between
17 June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953; and

18 b. The veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.

19 3. Any Vietnam conflict veteran who did not receive a high school diploma may apply
20 for an honorary high school diploma, provided:

21 a. The veteran entered the United States armed forces between February 28,
22 1961, and May 7, 1975; and

23 b. The veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.

- 1 4. In order to receive an honorary high school diploma, the veteran or a
2 representative of the veteran shall complete an application on a form prescribed by
3 the superintendent of public instruction. A county veterans' service officer shall
4 certify the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran who served during
5 the qualifying period to the superintendent of public instruction. The
6 superintendent of public instruction shall forward the application to the school
7 district in which the veteran last attended school before induction. If the school
8 district no longer exists, the application must be forwarded to the school district
9 that has jurisdiction. If a school district decides not to issue a diploma under this
10 program, the veteran may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for the
11 diploma.
- 12 ~~3.~~ 5. The school district and the superintendent of public instruction shall review and
13 either approve or deny each application received.
- 14 ~~4.~~ 6. If a veteran who would have qualified for a diploma under this section is deceased,
15 a family member of the veteran may apply for and, if approved, be awarded the
16 veteran's honorary high school diploma.