

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1374

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Mueller

Senators Freborg, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act relating to honorary high school diplomas for veterans; and to declare an
2 emergency.

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

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

- 5 1. Any World War II veteran who did not receive a high school diploma may apply for
6 an honorary high school diploma, provided:
- 7 a. The veteran entered the United States armed forces between September 16,
8 1940, and December 31, 1946, prior to completing the necessary high school
9 graduation requirements; and
- 10 b. The veteran was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.
- 11 2. In order to receive an honorary high school diploma, the veteran or a
12 representative of the veteran shall complete an application on a form prescribed by
13 the superintendent of public instruction. A county veterans' service officer shall
14 certify the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran who served during
15 the qualifying period to the superintendent of public instruction. The
16 superintendent of public instruction shall forward the application to the school
17 district in which the veteran last attended school before induction. If the school
18 district no longer exists, the application must be forwarded to the school district
19 that has jurisdiction. If a school district decides not to issue a diploma under this
20 program, the veteran may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for the
21 diploma.
- 22 3. The school district and the superintendent of public instruction shall review and
23 either approve or deny each application received.

- 1 4. If a veteran who would have qualified for a diploma under this Act is deceased, a
2 family member of the veteran may apply for and, if approved, be awarded the
3 veteran's honorary high school diploma.

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