

HOUSE BILL NO. 1227

Introduced by

Representatives R. Kelsch, Aarsvold, Hunsakor

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. In order to receive an honorary high school diploma, the veteran or a
20 representative of the veteran shall complete an application on a form prescribed by
21 the superintendent of public instruction. A county veterans' service officer shall
22 certify the veteran's status as an honorably discharged veteran who served during
23 the qualifying period to the superintendent of public instruction. The
24 superintendent of public instruction shall forward the application to the school

1 district in which the veteran last attended school before induction. If the school
2 district no longer exists, the application must be forwarded to the school district that
3 has jurisdiction. If a school district decides not to issue a diploma under this
4 program, the veteran may apply to the superintendent of public instruction for the
5 diploma.

6 ~~3.~~ 4. The school district and the superintendent of public instruction shall review and
7 either approve or deny each application received.

8 ~~4.~~ 5. If a veteran who would have qualified for a diploma under this section is deceased,
9 a family member of the veteran may apply for and, if approved, be awarded the
10 veteran's honorary high school diploma.