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18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 21, L.D. 21, Bill, "An Act
20	to Allow Local Boards of Education the Option to Grant a High
22	School Diploma to Former Students Who Are Honorably Discharged World War II Veterans"
24	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:
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28	'An Act to Allow the Awarding of High School Diplomas to Veterans of World War II and the Korean Conflict'
30	Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting in
32	its place the following:
34	'Sec.1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§6 is enacted to read:
36	6. Exception for certain veterans. A secondary school may award a high school diploma to a person who meets all of the
38	following requirements. A diploma may be awarded posthumously.
40	A. The person or the person's family must apply to the secondary school for the diploma.
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44	B. The person must either:
٨٢	(1) Have attended the secondary school or attended a
46	<u>secondary school in the geographic area now served by</u> the secondary school; or
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2	C. The person must have left secondary school either:
4	(1) Before or during World War II to serve in the Armed Forces during World War II; or
б	(2) Before or during the Korean Conflict to serve in
8	the Armed Forces in the Korean Conflict.
10	D. The person did not graduate or receive a high school diploma because of service in the Armed Forces.
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14	E. The person received an honorable discharge or a certificate of honorable service from the Armed Forces.
16	For purposes of this subsection, "Armed Forces" means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard; and the Merchant
18	<u>Marines only for the period of December 7, 1941 to August 16, 1945.</u> '
20	Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
22	summary the following:
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Either the veteran or the veteran's family must apply 1. 2 for the diploma. Diplomas may be awarded after the veteran has died. 4

2. The secondary school that receives the application may б award the diploma only if the veteran attended that school, attended a secondary school in the geographic area now served by 8 that secondary school or currently resides in the geographic area served by that secondary school no matter where the veteran attended secondary school. 10

12 3. The veteran must have left secondary school to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War II or the 14 Korean Conflict. This amendment defines "Armed Forces" to include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. 16 It also includes the Merchant Marines, but only for the dates for which members of the Merchant Marines are considered "veterans" 18 by the Federal Government.

20 4. The veteran did not receive a diploma because of service in the armed forces.

5. The veteran must have received an honorable discharge or 24 a certificate of honorable service from the armed forces.

The amendment also adds a fiscal note to the bill. 26

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