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H.P. 246

House of Representatives, January 25, 2001

An Act to Award High School Diplomas to World War II Veterans.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and
Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, COTE of Lewiston,
McGLOCKLIN of Embden, PATRICK of Rumford, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, STEDMAN of
Hartland, Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §4722-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§4722-A. High school diploma standards for World War II veterans**

8 Notwithstanding section 4722, a secondary school may award a
10 high school diploma to a person who is a resident of a
municipality served by that secondary school or who attended that
secondary school if that person:

12 **1. Started secondary school.** Started secondary school
14 between 1937 and 1946;

16 **2. Served in Armed Forces.** Left secondary school to serve
in the Armed Forces of the United States between September 16,
18 1940 and December 31, 1946;

20 **3. Did not receive high school diploma.** Did not receive a
high school diploma as a consequence of service in the Armed
22 Forces of the United States; and

24 **4. Honorably discharged.** Received an honorable discharge
from the Armed Forces of the United States.

26 A secondary school may award a high school diploma
28 posthumously.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill permits a secondary school to award a diploma to a
34 person who started secondary school between 1937 and 1946, left
secondary school to serve in the Armed Forces of the United
States, did not receive a diploma as a consequence of this
36 service and received an honorable discharge.