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**An Act To Expand Waiver of Tuition Payments to All Active Duty
Military Personnel Who Are Maine Residents**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representative: CLARK of Millinocket.

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 429-B is enacted to read:

6 CHAPTER 429-B

8 TUITION WAIVER AT STATE POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR ACTIVE DUTY
MILITARY PERSONNEL

10 §12591. Definitions

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
14 indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

16 1. Eligible program of study. "Eligible program of study"
18 means an associate degree program.

20 2. State postsecondary educational institution. "State
postsecondary educational institution" means an institution
22 within the University of Maine System or the Maine Technical
College System.

24 §12592. Tuition waiver

26 Any person who meets the requirements of subsection 1 may
28 attend, as provided in this section, an eligible program of study
at any state postsecondary educational institution free of
30 tuition charges.

32 1. Eligibility. A person is eligible for a tuition waiver
under this chapter if the person is:

34 A. A resident of the State;

36 B. An active duty member of the military service; and

38 C. Stationed in the State.

40 2. Continuation. The tuition waiver provided by this
42 chapter is awarded on a yearly basis and continues to be
available, if the person is otherwise eligible under this
44 section, as long as the person remains in good academic standing
at a state postsecondary educational institution.

46 3. Revenue deduction. A state postsecondary educational
48 institution shall absorb the reduction in tuition revenues that
results from providing a tuition waiver to an eligible person
under this chapter. The institution may not request additional

2 General Fund appropriations from the Legislature to offset the
3 reduction in tuition revenues.

4 **§12593. Administration**

6 1. Application. A person desiring a tuition waiver under
7 this chapter may apply to a state postsecondary educational
8 institution for determination of eligibility. The application
9 must be on forms and in a manner prescribed by the institution.

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11 2. Decision. A state postsecondary educational institution
12 shall determine whether an applicant is eligible for a tuition
13 waiver under this chapter and notify the applicant.

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16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows residents who are active duty military
18 personnel to earn an associate degree at a state postsecondary
19 educational institution free of tuition charges.
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