

Enrolled
House Bill 2681

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to high school diplomas for veterans; amending ORS 332.114; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 332.114 is amended to read:

332.114. (1) A person who meets the requirements under subsection (3) of this section may request a school district to issue the person a high school diploma if the person resides within the boundaries of the school district or is a resident of this state and attended a high school of the school district.

(2) A representative of a deceased person who meets the requirements under subsection (3) of this section may request a school district to issue a high school diploma on behalf of the deceased person if the deceased person resided within the boundaries of the school district at the time of death or was a resident of this state at the time of death and attended a high school of the school district.

(3) Notwithstanding the requirements for a high school diploma established by the State Board of Education and school districts under ORS 329.447, a school district that receives a request under subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall issue a high school diploma to a person if the person:

- (a) Attended a high school before serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;
- (b) Did not graduate from a high school because the person was serving in the Armed Forces of the United States *[at any time between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, between September 15, 1940, and December 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955]; [and]*
- (c) Was discharged or released under honorable conditions from the Armed Forces of the United States[.];

(d) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States as described in subsection (4) of this section; and

- (e)(A) Has received a General Educational Development (GED) certificate;**
- (B) Has received a post-secondary degree from a community college, state institution of higher education or other generally accredited institution of higher education; or**
- (C) Has received a minimum score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), as established by the Oregon Military Department.**

(4) The provisions of subsection (3) of this section apply to a person who:

- (a) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States at any time during:**
 - (A) World War I;**
 - (B) World War II;**
 - (C) The Korean Conflict; or**
 - (D) The Vietnam War;**

- (b) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States and was physically present in:
 - (A) Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada);
 - (B) Operation Just Cause (Panama);
 - (C) Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (the Persian Gulf War);
 - (D) Operation Restore Hope (Somalia);
 - (E) Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan); or
 - (F) Operation Iraqi Freedom (Iraq); or
- (c) Served in the Armed Forces of the United States in an area designated as a combat zone by the President of the United States.

SECTION 2. This 2005 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2005 Act takes effect on its passage.

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 Chief Clerk of House

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 Speaker of House

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