

**HOUSE BILL NO. 98**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Introduced: 1/31/01**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the award of a high school diploma to certain World War II**  
2 **veterans."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.077. High school diploma for certain veterans. (a)**

6 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of AS 14.03, the commissioner shall award a  
7 high school diploma to a person who

8 (1) makes application under (b) of this section; if a person is deceased  
9 or incapacitated, an immediate family member may apply on behalf of the person;

10 (2) attended high school in this state and left that high school in order  
11 to join the United States armed forces or the Alaska Territorial Guard;

12 (3) never received a high school diploma or general equivalency  
13 diploma; and

14 (4) actively served in the United States armed forces or the Alaska

1 Territorial Guard during the period of August 7, 1940 through July 25, 1947 and  
2 (A) died in active service;  
3 (B) was honorably discharged; or  
4 (C) was released from active duty because of a service-related  
5 disability.  
6 (b) The commissioner shall provide a form or electronic format for a person to  
7 apply under this section. The commissioner may accept an affidavit to support the  
8 award if documentation is not readily available from the military or other sources.