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IN THE HOUSE

BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS
LEGISLATION AND CIVILIAN DEFENSE
HOUSE BILL NO. 132

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to extend the provisions of the Alaska World War II Veterans' Act to veterans who served during the conflict in Korea; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

Section 1. The provisions of the Alaska World War II Veterans' Act, Sections 44-2-11 to 44-2-14 inclusive, ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter 87, Session Laws of Alaska 1949, and Chapter 83, Session Laws of Alaska 1951, are hereby extended to any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States between June 25, 1950 (the beginning of the conflict in Korea), and the cessation of the present national emergency as determined and proclaimed by the Governor of Alaska, and to dependents of such person, subject however to the following provisions:

(1) The payment of a bonus is authorized to all eligible persons who make application therefor and who have not previously disqualified themselves by contracting a loan under this act.

(2) The bonus shall be paid in an amount equal in dollars to the number of months the veteran spent in service, or fraction thereof, multiplied by ten, provided that the amount shall not exceed two hundred dollars, and shall not be less than one hundred dollars. Payments shall be administered by the Commission-

1 er of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with rules prescribed by
2 the Veterans' Board.

3 (3) Persons eligible for a bonus under this Act shall also
4 be eligible for loans to the same extent and of the same kind as
5 are authorized under Section 44-2-12, AGLA 1949, as amended by
6 Chapter 87, Session Laws of Alaska 1949, and Chapter 83, Session
7 Laws of Alaska 1951, and the Veterans' Board shall have the power
8 to authorize the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs to negotiate
9 such loans under such rules and regulations as the Board may
10 adopt. The loan privilege hereinabove prescribed shall, however,
11 be an alternative to the bonus entitlement. If an eligible
12 person elects to take the bonus and receives it, he shall there-
13 after be disqualified under the loan provisions hereof, until the
14 amount of the bonus plus accrued interest is repaid. Likewise,
15 if such person obtains a loan under the provisions of this Act, he
16 or she shall thereby forfeit any claim to a bonus hereunder,
17 provided, however, that persons eligible for a bonus or loan under
18 the provisions of this Act shall not be disqualified by reason
19 of having previously received a bonus or loan under the provisions
20 of the Alaska World War II Veterans Act in recognition of service
21 in the armed forces of the United States during World War II.

22 (4) Qualifications of persons coming under the provisions of
23 this Act shall be as follows:

24 (a) Persons who have served in the armed forces of the
25 United States for ninety days or more, or whose service was for
26 a lesser period because of injury or disability incurred in line
27 of duty, between June 25, 1950 (the start of the conflict in
28 Korea), and the cessation of the present national emergency as
29 determined and proclaimed by the Governor of Alaska; who have

1 been honorably separated or discharged from the armed forces or
2 who have been released to a reserve component; who at the time of
3 entry into the service were bona fide residents of the Territory
4 of Alaska and had been residents thereof for not less than one
5 year prior to their entry into the service; and who have returned
6 to the Territory within a reasonable length of time after dis-
7 charge or separation as residents with the intention of remaining
8 in the Territory.

9 (b) Persons who were dependent upon a member of the
10 armed forces or upon a veteran eligible for the benefits of this
11 Act at the time of such member's or veteran's death; provided,
12 that such member or veteran was a resident of the Territory of
13 Alaska for one year prior to entry into service and has died
14 prior to the cessation of the present national emergency as de-
15 termined and proclaimed by the Governor of Alaska. Such depend-
16 ents must not be remarried and the deceased veteran or member of
17 the armed forces must have been their chief means of support; they
18 must be either a widow, widower, minor child, or a mother, father,
19 sister or brother ^{or} incapable of self support; and they must be resi-
20 dents of the Territory at the time of application and must intend
21 to remain residents therein permanently. The rights of minor
22 children under this Act may be exercised only if they have no
23 surviving parent and have a duly appointed guardian who may make
24 application on their behalf for any of the benefits of this Act
25 for their care, support or education.

26 (c) No person shall be eligible to receive any of the
27 benefits of this Act who is eligible for veterans benefits under
28 the laws of any State or other Territory.

29 (d) As to persons otherwise eligible for the benefits

1 of this Act, as defined in subsection 4(a) of this section, who
2 have not returned to the Territory within a reasonable time after
3 separation from Service and who do not intend to maintain resi-
4 dence in the Territory, an additional requirement of five years
5 residence in the Territory prior to their entry in the service is
6 imposed to entitle them to the bonus provisions of this Act, and
7 they shall not be entitled to any loan benefits under this Act.

8 Section ³5. The sum of One Million Two Hundred Seventy-five
9 Thousand Dollars (\$1,275,000.00) is hereby appropriated out of
10 any funds in the Territorial Treasury not otherwise appropriated
11 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, said
12 sum to be turned over for deposit in the Alaska World War II
13 Veterans' Revolving Fund on the following basis: \$53,500.00 on
14 May 1, 1953, and an equal amount on the first day of each and
15 every month thereafter until the full amount is so deposited;
16 provided, however, that \$900,000.00 of said amount shall be a
17 loan from the General Fund of the Territorial Treasury and it
18 shall be repaid to the General Fund from the Revolving Fund
19 created by this Act at the rate of \$40,000.00 beginning on May 1,
20 1965, and an equal amount on the first day of each and every month
21 thereafter until the full amount of the loan has been repaid.

22 Section ³6. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this
23 Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.
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