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Referred: State Affairs
and Commerce

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 417

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to Veterans' loans and
7 extension of benefits under the Military
8 Affairs and Veterans Act; and providing
9 for an effective date."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 * Section 1. AS 26.15.040(a)(2) is amended to read:

12 (2) Farm and home loans may be made to purchase,
13 remodel, repair, build, furnish, refinance or equip homes
14 or farms in the state, including the clearing and drainage
15 for farms, not exceeding \$22,500. The loans may not exceed
16 90 per cent of the appraised value when the loan is for
17 the purchase or construction of a home unless additional
18 amounts are secured by acceptable collateral as determined
19 by the commissioner of commerce in conformity with
20 established minimum requirements. The rate of interest
21 is five per cent a year on the unpaid balance.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 26.15.040(a)(3) is amended to read:

23 (3) Business loans may be made to acquire,
24 finance or refinance [ACQUIRE OR FINANCE] or equip
25 businesses including mining and fishing, but not including
26 farming, not exceeding \$22,500. The loans shall be secured
27 by acceptable collateral and may not exceed 75 per cent
28 of the appraised value of the collateral offered as
29 security. The rate of interest is five per cent a year

1 on the unpaid balance.

2 * Sec. 3. AS 26.15.130(a)(1) is amended to read:

3 (1) persons who served in the armed forces of
4 the United States for 90 days or more, or whose service
5 was for less than 90 days because of injury or disability
6 incurred in the line of duty, between April 6, 1917, and
7 November 11, 1918, and September 16, 1940, and July 25, 1947,
8 who were separated from the armed forces with a discharge
9 other than dishonorable [AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR HONORABLE
10 SEPARATION], and (A) who, at the time of induction into the
11 service, were residents of the territory, who had been
12 residents for not less than one year immediately before
13 their induction, and who returned to the territory or state
14 after discharge as residents with the intention of remain-
15 ing in the territory or state; or (B) who, not being bona
16 fide residents of the territory before their entry into the
17 service, have lived in the territory or state for at least
18 10 years following their release from active military service;

19 * Sec. 4. AS 26.15.130(a)(2)(D) is repealed and re-enacted
20 to read:

21 (D) his discharge was not dishonorable.

22 * Sec. 5. AS 26.15.160 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO [KOREA]
24 VETERANS OF KOREA AND VIETNAM. The provisions of this
25 chapter, except those provisions relating to the payment of
26 bonuses, are extended to persons who served other than
27 dishonorably [HONORABLY] on active duty between June 25,
28 1950, and January 31, 1955, who served other than dis-
29 honorably on active duty between August 4, 1964, and six

1 months after termination of hostilities involving forces of
2 the United States, and to dependents of such persons, sub-
3 ject to the following provisions and eligibility qualifica-
4 tions.

5 (1) Persons are eligible [WHO SERVED IN THE
6 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE, OR
7 WHOSE SERVICE WAS FOR A LESSER PERIOD BECAUSE OF INJURY,
8 OR DISABILITY INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY, BETWEEN JUNE 25,
9 1950, THE BEGINNING OF THE CONFLICT IN KOREA, AND JANUARY 31,
10 1955; WHO WERE HONORABLY SEPARATED OR DISCHARGED]

11 (A) who were discharged other than dis-
12 honorably from the armed forces of the United States
13 or who were released to a reserve component; and

14 (B) who at the time of entry into the
15 service were bona fide residents of the territory
16 or State of Alaska and had been residents of the
17 territory or state for not less than one year before
18 their entry into the service; and who have returned
19 to the territory or state within a reasonable length
20 of time after discharge or separation as residents
21 with the intention of remaining in the territory or
22 state; or who, not being bona fide residents of the
23 territory before their entry into the service, have
24 lived in the territory or state for at least 10 years
25 following their release from active military service;
26 [.] and

27 (C) who served in the armed forces of the
28 United States for 90 days or more, or whose service
29 was for a lesser period because of injury or dis-

1 ability incurred in line of duty, between June 25,
2 1950, and January 31, 1955, or who served in the armed
3 forces of the United States for 90 days or more or
4 whose service was for a lesser period because of
5 injury or disability incurred in line of duty,
6 between August 4, 1964, and a date to be determined
7 by the legislature which shall be on or about six
8 months after the termination of hostilities involving
9 forces of the United States in Vietnam.

10 (2) Persons are eligible who were dependent upon
11 a member of the armed forces or upon a veteran eligible for
12 the benefits of this chapter at the time of the member's or
13 veteran's death if the member or veteran was a resident of
14 the territory for one year before entry into service and
15 died before the cessation of the present national emergency
16 as determined and proclaimed by the governor. Dependents
17 shall be unmarried and the deceased veteran or member of
18 the armed forces shall have been their chief means of
19 support and they shall be either a widow, widower, minor
20 child, or a mother, father, sister or brother incapable
21 of self-support. Dependents shall be residents of the
22 state at the time of application and shall intend to
23 remain residents in the state permanently. The rights of
24 minor children under this chapter may be exercised only
25 if they have no surviving parent and have an appointed
26 guardian who may apply on their behalf for the benefits
27 of this chapter for their care, support or education.

28 (3) No person unless he has lived in the state
29 or territory for at least 10 years following his release

1 from active military service is eligible for the benefits
2 of this section who is eligible for veterans' benefits
3 under the laws of any other state or territory. A World
4 War II veteran who received a bonus under secs. 120 and
5 150 of this chapter need not repay the bonus in order to
6 qualify under the loan provisions of this section.

7 (4) For persons otherwise eligible for the
8 benefits under this section, who did not return to the
9 state or territory within one year after separation from
10 the service unless prevented from doing so for medical,
11 educational or other valid purposes approved by the
12 Department of Commerce within one year after separation
13 from the service, an additional requirement of four years'
14 residence in the state or territory before their entry
15 into the service is imposed to entitle them to the benefit
16 provisions of this section.

17 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage
18 and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.
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