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2 SENATE BILL NO. 277

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

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

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 26.15.120 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 26.15.120. BONUS PAYMENTS. The payment of a bonus may be  
12 made to eligible persons who apply for it and who have not previously  
13 disqualified themselves by contracting a loan under this chapter. The  
14 bonus is a sum in dollars equal to the number of months which the  
15 veteran spent in service, or fraction of it, multiplied by 20, except  
16 as provided in sec. 155(3) of this chapter. No [10, BUT NO] bonus shall  
17 be paid to an enlistee or re-enlistee for time served after November 1,  
18 1945, regardless of whether the enlistment or re-enlistment was before  
19 or after November 1, 1945, except as provided in sec. 155 of this  
20 chapter. The Department of Commerce shall administer the payment of  
21 bonuses in accordance with its rules and procedures.

22 \* Sec. 2. AS 26.15.110 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 26.15.110. LIMITATION ON SECURING BONUS AND LOAN. Persons  
24 eligible for loans under this chapter are eligible for the bonus pro-  
25 vided for by this chapter, but no bonus may be paid to a person who  
26 has received a loan under this chapter [, AND NO BONUS MAY BE PAID  
27 AFTER JULY 1, 1964].

28 \* Sec. 3. AS 26.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

29 Sec. 26.15.155. EXTENSION OF BONUS PAYMENTS TO VETERANS RECEIVING

1 THE KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL, THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, THE  
2 NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL AND THE VIET NAM SERVICE  
3 MEDAL. The bonus provisions of this chapter are extended to a person  
4 who received the Korean Service Medal, an Expeditionary Medal, or the  
5 Viet Nam Service Medal, subject to the following provisions and eligi-  
6 bility qualifications:

7 (1) a person is eligible

8 (A) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
9 for one year or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
10 because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, and re-  
11 ceived the Korean Service Medal;

12 (B) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
13 for one year or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
14 because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, and re-  
15 ceived an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal;

16 (C) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
17 for one year or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
18 because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, and re-  
19 ceived the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal; or

20 (D) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
21 for one year or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
22 because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, and  
23 received the Viet Nam Service Medal; and

24 (E) who was separated from the armed forces under condi-  
25 tions other than dishonorable; and

26 (F) who at the time of induction into the service was a  
27 resident of the Territory of Alaska or the State of Alaska and had  
28 been a resident for not less than one year immediately before his  
29 induction; and

1 (G) who returned to the territory or state after dis-  
2 charge as a resident with the intention of remaining in the terri-  
3 tory or state;

4 (2) for a person otherwise eligible for the benefits under  
5 this section, who did not return to the state or territory within one  
6 year after separation from the service unless prevented from doing so  
7 for medical, educational or other valid purposes approved by the De-  
8 partment of Commerce within one year after separation from the service,  
9 an additional requirement of five years' residence in the territory or  
10 state immediately before the time of induction is imposed to entitle  
11 him to the benefit provisions of this section;

12 (3) the payment of a bonus to a person eligible under this  
13 section shall be in a sum in dollars equal to the number of months  
14 the applicant served in the theater of operations for which service  
15 he was given the medal authorized for that theater, multiplied by 20,  
16 however the minimum payment shall be \$500 and the maximum payment  
17 \$1,000.

18 \* Sec. 4. AC 26.15.160 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO VETERANS OF KOREA AND  
20 VIET NAM, AND TO RECIPIENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL OR  
21 THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. The loan provisions of  
22 this chapter [, EXCEPT THOSE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF  
23 BONUSSES,] are extended to persons who served other than dishonorably on  
24 active duty between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, who served other  
25 than dishonorably on active duty between August 4, 1964, and six months  
26 after termination of hostilities involving forces of the United States  
27 in Viet Nam, who received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or who  
28 received the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, and to depen-  
29 dents of such persons, subject to the following provisions and

1 eligibility qualifications.

2 (1) Persons are eligible

3 (A) who were discharged other than dishonorably from  
4 the armed forces of the United States or who were released to a  
5 reserve component; and

6 (B) who at the time of entry into the service were bona  
7 fide residents of the territory or State of Alaska and had been  
8 residents of the territory or state for not less than one year  
9 before their entry into the service; and who have returned to the  
10 territory or state within a reasonable length of time after dis-  
11 charge or separation as residents with the intention of remaining  
12 in the territory or state; or who, not being bona fide residents  
13 of the territory before their entry into the service, have lived  
14 in the territory or state for at least 10 years following their  
15 release from active military service; and

16 (C) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
17 for 90 days or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
18 because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty, between  
19 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, or who served in the armed  
20 forces of the United States for 90 days or more or whose service  
21 was for a lesser period because of injury or disability incurred  
22 in line of duty, between August 4, 1964, and a date to be deter-  
23 mined by the legislature which shall be on or about six months  
24 after the termination of hostilities involving forces of the  
25 United States in Viet Nam; [.]

26 (D) who served in the armed forces of the United States  
27 for 90 days or more, or whose service was for a lesser period  
28 because of injury, or disability incurred in line of duty, and  
29 who received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Navy and

1                   Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.

2                   (2) Persons are eligible who were dependent upon a member of  
3 the armed forces or upon a veteran eligible for the benefits of this  
4 chapter at the time of the member's or veteran's death if the member or  
5 veteran was a resident of the territory or state for one year before  
6 entry into service and died before the cessation of the present national  
7 emergency as determined and proclaimed by the governor or who died be-  
8 fore the cessation of hostilities in any theater of operations where  
9 the veteran received or was entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary  
10 Medal, or the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. Dependents  
11 shall be unmarried and the deceased veteran or member of the armed  
12 forces shall have been their chief means of support and they shall be  
13 either a widow, widower, minor child, or a mother, father, sister or  
14 brother incapable of self-support. Dependents shall be residents of  
15 the state at the time of application and shall intend to remain resi-  
16 dents in the state permanently. The rights of minor children under  
17 this chapter may be exercised only if they have no surviving parent  
18 and have an appointed guardian who may apply on their behalf for the  
19 benefits of this chapter for their care, support or education.

20                   (3) No person unless he has lived in the state or territory  
21 for at least 10 years following his release from active military serv-  
22 ice is eligible for the benefits of this chapter who is eligible  
23 for veterans' benefits under the laws of any other state or territory.  
24 A World War II veteran who received a bonus under secs. 120 and 150 of  
25 this chapter need not repay the bonus in order to qualify under the  
26 loan provisions of this section.

27                   (4) For persons otherwise eligible for the benefits under  
28 this section, who did not return to the state or territory within one  
29 year after separation from the service unless prevented from doing so

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for medical, educational or other valid purposes approved by the Department of Commerce within one year after separation from the service, an additional requirement of four years' residence in the state or territory before their entry into the service is imposed to entitle them to the benefit provisions of this section.

\* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without approval.