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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 518

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to qualification for veteran's
7 loans; and providing for an effective date."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 26.15.160 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO VETERANS OF KOREA AND
11 VIETNAM AND CERTAIN NATIONAL GUARDSMEN. The provisions of this
12 chapter, except those provisions relating to the payment of bonuses,
13 are extended to persons who served other than dishonorably on active
14 duty between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, who served other
15 than dishonorably on active duty between August 4, 1964, and six
16 months after termination of hostilities involving forces of the
17 United States in Vietnam, who, after serving his reserve obligation
18 period in the National Guard, remains in the National Guard or has
19 completed six years of nonreserve obligation service in the National
20 Guard, and to dependents of such persons, subject to the following
21 provisions and eligibility qualifications.

22 (1) Persons are eligible

23 (A) who were discharged other than dishonorably from
24 the armed forces of the United States or who were released to a
25 reserve component or who, after serving his reserve obligation
26 period in the National Guard, remains in the National Guard or has
27 completed six years of nonreserve obligation service in the
28 National Guard; and

29 (B) who at the time of entry into the service or

1 National Guard were bona fide residents of the territory or State
2 of Alaska and had been residents of the territory or state for
3 not less than one year before their entry into the service or
4 National Guard; and who have returned to the territory or state
5 within a reasonable length of time after discharge or separation
6 as residents with the intention of remaining in the territory
7 or state; or who, not being bona fide residents of the territory
8 before their entry into the service or National Guard, have lived
9 in the territory or state for at least 10 years following their
10 release from active military service or National Guard; and

11 (C) who served in the armed forces of the United
12 States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for a lesser
13 period because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty,
14 between June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, or who served in the
15 armed forces of the United States for 90 days or more or whose ser-
16 vice was for a lesser period because of injury or disability in-
17 curred in line of duty, between August 4, 1964, and a date to be
18 determined by the legislature which shall be on or about six months
19 after the termination of hostilities involving forces of the
20 United States in Vietnam, or who, after serving his reserve
21 obligation period in the National Guard, remains in the National
22 Guard or has completed six years of nonreserve obligation service
23 in the National Guard.

24 (2) Persons are eligible who were dependent upon a person
25 eligible for benefits under this chapter [MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES
26 OR UPON A VETERAN ELIGIBLE FOR THE BENEFITS OF THIS CHAPTER] at the
time of the eligible person's [MEMBER'S OR VETERAN'S] death if the
27 eligible person [MEMBER OR VETERAN] was a resident of the territory for
28 one year before entry into service or National Guard and died before
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1 the cessation of the present national emergency as determined and
2 proclaimed by the governor. Dependents shall be unmarried and the
3 deceased eligible person [VETERAN OR MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES] shall
4 have been their chief means of support and they shall be either a
5 widow, widower, minor child, or a mother, father, sister or brother
6 incapable of self-support. Dependents shall be residents of the
7 state at the time of application and shall intend to remain residents
8 in the state permanently. The rights of minor children under this
9 chapter may be exercised only if they have no surviving parent and
10 have an appointed guardian who may apply on their behalf for the bene-
11 fits of this chapter for their care, support or education.

12 (3) No person unless he has lived in the state or territory
13 for at least 10 years following his release from active military
14 service or the National Guard is eligible for the benefits of this
15 section who is eligible for veterans' benefits under the laws of any
16 other state or territory. A World War II veteran who received a bonus
17 under secs. 120 and 150 of this chapter need not repay the bonus in
18 order to qualify under the loan provisions of this section.

19 (4) For persons otherwise eligible for the benefits under
20 this section, who did not return to the state or territory within one
21 year after separation from the service unless prevented from doing
22 so for medical, educational or other valid purposes approved by the
23 Department of Commerce within one year after separation from the
24 service or National Guard, an additional requirement of four years'
25 residence in the state or territory before their entry into the
26 service or National Guard is imposed to entitle them to the benefit
27 provisions of this section.

28 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1970.
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