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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 78

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to veteran affairs."

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

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

9 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO VETERANS OF KOREA AND
10 VIETNAM. The provisions of this chapter, except those provisions
11 relating to the payment of bonuses, are extended to persons who served
12 other than dishonorably on active duty between June 25, 1950, and
13 [JANUARY 31, 1955, WHO SERVED OTHER THAN DISHONORABLY ON ACTIVE DUTY
14 BETWEEN AUGUST 4, 1964, AND] six months after termination of hostilities
15 involving forces of the United States, and to dependents of such per-
16 sons, subject to the following provisions and eligibility qualifica-
17 tions.

18 (1) Persons are eligible

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

22 (B) who at the time of entry into the service were
23 bona fide residents of the territory or State of Alaska and had
24 been residents of the territory or state for not less than one
25 year before their entry into the service; and who have returned
26 to the territory or state within a reasonable length of time after
27 discharge or separation as residents with the intention of remain-
28 ing in the territory or state; or who, not being bona fide resi-
29 dents of the territory before their entry into the service, have

1 lived in the territory or state for at least 10 years following
2 their release from active military service; and

3 (C) who served in the armed forces of the United
4 States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for a lesser
5 period because of injury or disability incurred in line of duty,
6 between June 25, 1950, and [JANUARY 31, 1955, OR WHO SERVED IN
7 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR 90 DAYS OR MORE OR
8 WHOSE SERVICE WAS FOR A LESSER PERIOD BECAUSE OF INJURY OR
9 DISABILITY INCURRED IN LINE OF DUTY, BETWEEN AUGUST 4, 1964, AND]
10 a date to be determined by the legislature which shall be on or
11 about six months after the termination of hostilities involving
12 forces of the United States in Vietnam.

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

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

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

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