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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY RANDOLPH

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 378

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to veterans' loans."

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

8 \* Section 1. AS 26.15.130(a)(1) is amended to read:

9 (1) persons who served in the armed forces of the United  
10 States for 90 days or more, or whose service was for less than 90 days  
11 because of injury or disability incurred in the line of duty, between  
12 April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and beginning September 16, 1940  
13 to six months after termination of hostilities involving United States  
14 forces in Indo-China, or in a combat zone during any period of armed  
15 conflict, who were separated from the armed forces with a medical dis-  
16 charge due to a service related disability or The Honorable Discharge  
17 [DISCHARGE OTHER THAN DISHONORABLE], and

18 \* Sec. 2. AS 26.15.130(a)(2)(D) is amended to read:

19 (D) his discharge was a medical discharge due to a  
20 service related disability or The Honorable Discharge [NOT DIS-  
21 HONORABLE].

22 \* Sec. 3. AS 26.15.160 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO VETERANS OF KOREA AND  
24 VIET NAM. The provisions of this chapter, except those provisions  
25 relating to the payment of bonuses, are extended to persons who received  
26 a medical discharge due to a service related disability or The Honorable  
27 Discharge for [SERVED OTHER THAN DISHONORABLY ON] active duty between  
28 June 25, 1950, and January 31, 1955, who received a medical discharge  
29 due to a service related disability or The Honorable Discharge for

1 [SERVED OTHER THAN DISHONORABLY ON] active duty between August 4, 1964,  
2 and six months after termination of hostilities involving forces of  
3 the United States, and to dependents of such persons, subject to the  
4 following provisions and eligibility qualifications.

5 (1) Persons are eligible

6 (A) who were discharged with a medical discharge due to  
7 a service related disability or The Honorable Discharge [OTHER THAN  
8 DISHONORABLY] from the armed forces of the United States or who  
9 were released to a reserve component; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 them to the benefit provisions of this section.  
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