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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 686

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to bonus payments to veterans."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 26.15.110 is amended to read:

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

14 * Sec. 2. AS 26.15.120 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 26.15.120. BONUS PAYMENTS. The payment of a bonus may be
16 made to eligible persons who apply for it and who have not previously
17 disqualified themselves by contracting a loan under this chapter. The
18 bonus is a sum in dollars equal to the number of months which the
19 veteran spent in service, or fraction of it, multiplied by 10 [, BUT
20 NO BONUS SHALL BE PAID TO AN ENLISTEE OR RE-ENLISTEE FOR TIME SERVED
21 AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1945, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ENLISTMENT OR RE-
22 ENLISTMENT WAS BEFORE OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1945]. The Department of
23 Commerce shall administer the payment of bonuses in accordance with
24 its rules and procedures.

25 * Sec. 3. AS 26.15.160 is amended to read:

26 Sec. 26.15.160. EXTENSION OF CHAPTER TO VETERANS OF KOREA AND
27 VIET NAM. The provisions of this chapter, including [EXCEPT] those
28 provisions relating to the payment of bonuses, are extended to persons
29 who served other than dishonorably on active duty between June 25, 1950,

1 and January 31, 1955, who served other than dishonorably on active duty
2 between August 4, 1964, and six months after termination of hostilities
involving forces of the United States, and to dependents of such persons,
3 subject to the following provisions and eligibility qualifications.

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5 (1) Persons are eligible

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

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

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

29 (2) Persons are eligible who were dependent upon a member

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

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

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