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**House Bill No. 4433**

(By Delegates Williams, Ashley, Cann,  
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Pino, Shaver and Varner)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact §18-2-34 the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to modifying the criteria for awarding high school diplomas to certain veterans.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §18-2-34 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### **ARTICLE 2. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

#### **§18-2-34. High school diplomas for surviving veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam Conflict.**

- 1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the
- 2 contrary, the state board shall provide for the awarding of a
- 3 high school diploma to any surviving veteran of World War
- 4 II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam Conflict, who:

5 (1) Left school prior to graduation and served in the  
6 Armed Forces of the United States;

7 (2) Did not receive a high school diploma;

8 (3) Was discharged from the armed forces under honorable  
9 conditions; and

10 (4) Completes the application process as provided by the  
11 joint rules of the state board and the veterans' council.

12 (b) The state board and the veterans' council, created in  
13 article one, chapter nine-a of this code, shall jointly propose  
14 rules for the identification of eligible veterans and for  
15 awarding high school diplomas. The rules shall provide for  
16 an application process and the credentials required to receive  
17 a high school diploma.

18 (c) A diploma shall be awarded by the county board in the  
19 county in which the veteran resides or in the county in which  
20 the veteran would have received his or her diploma,  
21 whichever location the veteran chooses.

22 (d) For purposes of this section:

23 (1) "World War II veteran" means any veteran who  
24 performed wartime service between September 16, 1940, and  
25 December 31, 1946;

26 (2) "Korean War veteran" means any veteran who  
27 performed military service between June 27, 1950, and  
28 January 31, 1955;

29 (3) "Vietnam Conflict veteran" means any veteran who  
30 performed military service between February 28, 1961, and  
31 May 7, 1975.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

The within \_\_\_\_\_ this the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.

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*Governor*