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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. EACHUS, SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to awarding high school diplomas to veterans; and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions 29-a and 29-b of section 305 of the education law are REPEALED, and subdivision 29, as added by chapter 40 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

29. The commissioner shall develop a program whereby any veteran [~~of the armed forces who served in world war II and~~] **who has served in the active military or naval service of the United States and who has been discharged from such service under honorable conditions,** who was unable, for any reason, to complete a secondary education, may be awarded a high school diploma based on knowledge and experience gained while in service.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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