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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 15, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

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:

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2 law are REPEALED, and subdivision 29, as added by chapter 40 of the laws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

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

11 § 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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