

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 378) of Linda J. Melconian, Jack H. Backman, A. Joseph DeNucci, Mary L. Padula and other members of the Senate for legislation to establish a program of financial aid for Korean veterans attending state institutions of higher education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF FINANCIAL AID FOR KOREAN VETERANS ATTENDING STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The board of higher education is hereby author-
 2 ized to issue a certificate of exemption from tuition at any
 3 state institution of higher education within the Common-
 4 wealth to any Korean veteran, as defined in section seven of
 5 Chapter four of the General Laws, whose service was credited
 6 to the Commonwealth, provided said veteran was discharged
 7 or released from active duty under conditions other than dis-
 8 honorable. Said board shall issue such certificate to any per-
 9 son who applies for such exemption, who satisfactorily estab-
 10 lishes his status as a Korean veteran, and who is otherwise
 11 deemed qualified to attend any such institution. The certificate
 12 shall entitle such veteran to attend any such institution free of
 13 tuition and shall remain in effect for a period of time sufficient
 14 for said veteran to complete one full academic year, so long
 15 as said veteran remains a student in good standing at said
 16 institution. It shall be renewed after the student has complet-
 17 ed a full academic year of work equal to thirty semester
 18 hours, in accordance with regulations prescribed by said
 19 board; one certificate may therefore be in effect for more than
 20 twelve calendar months.

1 SECTION 2. No educational assistance under this act shall be
 2 afforded an eligible Korean veteran for any academic year
 3 commencing more than ten years after the effective date of
 4 this act. Assistance under this act shall continue for the bene-

5 fit of said veteran only during such time as he/she remains
6 a student in good standing at the institution in which he/she
7 is enrolled, and in no event shall any student receive the bene-
8 fits provided by this act for more than one hundred and thirty
9 semester hours.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as
2 prohibiting education institutions from extending tuition as-
3 sistance to any Korean veteran in any program as institutional
4 or segmental policy.