[No. 181]

(HB 4733)

AN ACT to authorize the board of a school district to award high school diplomas to World War II veterans under certain circumstances; and to prescribe duties and responsibilities of certain state officers and officials.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

35.341 High school diploma to qualified military veteran; "qualified military veteran" defined.

Sec. 1. The board of a school district may award a high school diploma to a qualified military veteran. As used in this act, "qualified military veteran" means an individual who meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) The military veteran is at least 65 years of age, if living, or had attained at least 65 years of age, if deceased.
- (b) Before graduation from a high school, the military veteran enlisted in or was drafted into the armed forces of the United States during World War II between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946.
- (c) At the time he or she was drafted into or enlisted in the armed forces of the United States, the military veteran was enrolled in a high school in the school district to which the application is made.
 - (d) The military veteran did not graduate from high school.
 - (e) The military veteran served under honorable conditions during World War II.

35.342 Application; form; completion.

- Sec. 2. (1) The application form shall be prescribed by the veterans affairs directorate of the department of veterans and military affairs.
- (2) The application may be completed by the veteran or the veteran's spouse, brother or sister, children, or grandchildren.

35.343 Notification to school district boards.

Sec. 3. The department of military and veterans affairs shall notify the board of each school district of this act and take steps to encourage each school district to meet the objective of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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