

**CHAPTER 587**

**(House Bill 329)**

AN ACT concerning

**Education - High School Diplomas - World War II Veterans**

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual honorably discharged from military service to apply to ~~the State Board of Education~~ certain county boards of education to obtain a high school diploma if the individual withdrew from a certain full-time public or private school under certain circumstances; requiring ~~the State Board and the Department of Veterans Affairs to jointly~~ each county board of education to adopt certain rules and regulations; and generally relating to high school diplomas.

BY adding to

Article - Education

Section 7-206.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Education**

7-206.1.

(A) AN INDIVIDUAL HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE MAY APPLY ~~TO THE STATE BOARD~~ TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IF THE INDIVIDUAL WITHDREW FROM A REGULAR FULL-TIME PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITED BY THE STATE BOARD DURING THE INDIVIDUAL'S SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL TO ENLIST IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING WORLD WAR II.

(B) TO OBTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL APPLY TO THE COUNTY BOARD IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL RESIDES OR WHERE THE SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL WITHDREW WAS LOCATED.

~~(B) (C) THE STATE BOARD AND THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL JOINTLY~~ EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING DIPLOMAS UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.