



2001 SENATE BILL 61

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 120.13 (37) of the statutes; **relating to:** granting high school
2 diplomas posthumously to veterans.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a school board may award a high school diploma to a veteran who is at least 65 years old, attended high school in the school district, left high school before graduation to join the armed forces during a war, and served on active duty under honorable conditions in the armed forces. This bill permits a school board to award a high school diploma posthumously to such a veteran if the veteran dies before reaching the age of 65.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 120.13 (37) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 120.13 (37) AWARDING HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS TO VETERANS. Notwithstanding s.
5 118.33 (1), award a high school diploma to a person who is at least 65 years old,
6 attended high school in the school district, left high school before receiving a high
7 school diploma to join the U.S. armed forces during a war period under s. 45.35 (5)

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1 (e), and served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces
2 or in forces incorporated as part of the U.S. armed forces. If a person who otherwise
3 satisfies the conditions of this subsection dies before reaching the age of 65, a school
4 board may, on or after the 65th anniversary of the person's birth date and at the
5 request of a member of the person's family, award the person a high school diploma
6 posthumously. A school board may award a high school diploma to a person who
7 received a high school equivalency diploma under s. 115.29 (4) after serving on active
8 duty if the person meets the other conditions of this paragraph.

9 (END)