

**Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1125
(Representatives Pyle, Mock, Roers Jones)
(Senators Bekkedahl, Dever)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15-10-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions used to determine the eligibility of certain dependents of veterans to receive free tuition in institutions of higher education in the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 15-10-18.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

15-10-18.2. Definitions.

1. "Dependent" for purposes of section 15-10-18.3 means:
 - a. A child, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a resident veteran, as "veteran" is defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action;
 - b. A child ~~or a~~ stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the spouse, widow, or widower, or the child's or stepchild's other parent, has been a resident of this state and was a resident of this state at the time of death or determination of total disability of the veteran; or
 - c. A child ~~or~~ a stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual unemployability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the spouse, widow, or widower, or the child's or stepchild's other parent, establishes residency in this state and maintains that residency for a period of five years immediately preceding the spouse's, widow's, widower's, child's, or stepchild's enrollment at an institution under the control of the state board of higher education.
2. "Resident veteran" means a veteran who:
 - a. Was born in and lived in this state until entrance into the armed forces of the United States;

- b. Was born in, but was temporarily living outside this state, not having abandoned residence therein prior to entrance into the armed forces of the United States;
 - c. Was born elsewhere but had resided within this state for at least six months prior to entrance into military service and had prior to or during such six-month period:
 - (1) Registered for voting, or voted in this state;
 - (2) Being an unemancipated minor during such period of residence, had lived with a parent or person standing in loco parentis who had acquired a residence as set forth in this section; or
 - (3) If not registered for voting in this state, not registered for voting in another state; or
 - d. Has been a resident of this state for the ~~ten~~five years prior to the request for tuition waiver.
3. "Stepchild's other parent" means the spouse, widow, or widower of a veteran.

Kevin A. Hochstetler
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

Bull J. Reuk
Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1125.

House Vote: Yeas 91 Nays 3 Absent 0

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Bull J. Reuk
Chief Clerk of the House

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Doug Burgum
Governor

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at 9:14 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State