

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0237

National guard educational assistance.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Greene, Blake, Brown and Moniz

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to combat veterans; expanding eligibility
2 for educational benefits to combat veterans who were not
3 Wyoming residents at the time of entering national military
4 service as specified; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 19-14-106(a)(v) is amended to read:

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10 **19-14-106. Free tuition and fees for education of war**
11 **orphans and veterans; transfer of benefits; definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this section:

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15 (v) "Overseas combat veteran" means:

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1 (A) A person other than a Vietnam veteran
2 who was a resident of Wyoming for at least one (1) year
3 prior to entering into active service, who is an honorably
4 discharged veteran who served in the military service of
5 the United States and who was awarded the armed forces
6 expeditionary medal or other authorized service or campaign
7 medal indicating service to the United States in any armed
8 conflict in a foreign country;~~;~~ or

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10 (B) A person who:

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12 (I) Is currently serving in the
13 Wyoming national guard or is an honorably discharged
14 veteran;

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16 (II) Was awarded the armed forces
17 expeditionary medal or other authorized service or campaign
18 medal indicating service to the United States in any armed
19 conflict in a foreign country; and

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21 (III) While a member of the Wyoming
22 national guard, was deployed after September 11, 2001 and
23 served at least one hundred eighty-one (181) cumulative
24 days in combat or was unable to serve one hundred eighty-

1 one (181) days due to an injury sustained in furtherance of
2 combat.

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4 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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