

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0046

Veterans' tuition waiver.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh, Esquibel, Gilmore,
Illoway, Petersen and Robinson and
Senator(s) Scott and Vasey

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to veterans; providing for free tuition at
2 the University of Wyoming and community colleges for
3 overseas combat veterans; providing definitions; and
4 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) by creating a new
9 paragraph (iii) and (c) is amended to read:

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

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14 (a) As used in this section:

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16 (iii) "Overseas combat veteran" means:

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(A) An honorably discharged veteran of the Indian Wars, Spanish American War, Filipino insurrection, Boxer rebellion, Puerto Rico campaign or First World War;

(B) An honorably discharged veteran of the Second World War, who served in the military service of the United States between December 8, 1941 and August 14, 1945;

(C) An honorably discharged veteran of the Korean War emergency, who served in the military service of the United States between June 27, 1950 and July 28, 1953;

(D) An honorably discharged veteran of the Vietnam War emergency, who served in the military service of the United States between February 28, 1961 and August 15, 1973;

(E) A widow, during her widowhood, of any person qualifying under this subsection or who died while serving honorably during the war, conflict or period described in this section;

1 (F) An honorably discharged veteran who
2 served in the military service of the United States, who is
3 a bona fide Wyoming resident for at least three (3) years
4 and who served in one (1) of the below listed military
5 operations during the specified period and who was awarded
6 the armed forces expeditionary medal, the Vietnam service
7 medal or other authorized service or campaign medal:

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9 (I) Berlin - from August 14, 1961 to
10 June 1, 1963;

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12 (II) Lebanon - from July 1, 1958 to
13 November 1, 1958;

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15 (III) Quemoy and Matsu Islands - from
16 August 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963;

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18 (IV) Taiwan Straits - from August 23,
19 1958 to January 1, 1959;

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21 (V) Cuba - from October 24, 1962 to
22 June 1, 1963;

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1 (VI) Congo - from November 23, 1964 to
2 November 27, 1964;

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4 (VII) Dominican Republic - from April
5 28, 1965 to September 21, 1966;

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7 (VIII) Korea - from October 1, 1966 to
8 June 30, 1974;

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10 (IX) Congo - from July 14, 1960 to
11 September 1, 1962;

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13 (X) Laos - from April 19, 1961 to
14 October 7, 1962;

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16 (XI) Vietnam - from July 1, 1958 to
17 August 4, 1964;

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19 (XII) Persian Gulf - Desert Storm
20 Conflict - from January 15, 1991 to a date to be determined
21 by the department of revenue;

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23 (XIII) Bosnia - from November 20, 1995
24 to a date to be determined by the department of revenue;

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(XIV) Iraq - Operation Southern Watch and Operation Northern Watch - from December 1, 1995 and from January 1, 1997, respectively, to a date or dates to be determined by the department of revenue;

(XV) Kosovo - Operation Allied Force/Air War over Kosovo and Serbia - from March 24, 1999 to a date to be determined by the department of revenue;

(XVI) Afghanistan and other locations - Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Noble Eagle (Homeland Security) - from October 7, 2001 to a date to be determined by the department of revenue.

(c) The University of Wyoming and each community college shall provide free tuition for not more than ten (10) semesters for any Vietnam veteran or overseas combat veteran not presently receiving education benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended, for any credit or vocational education course for which the Vietnam veteran or overseas combat veteran registers.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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