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State Capitol, P.O. Box 7882, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882 Phone: (608) 266-8546 Toll-free Hotline: 1-800-362-9472

To: Bob Nelson, LRB
From: Terry Tuschen, Office of State Senator Rod Moen
Re: Operation Recognition legislation
Date: August 25, 1999

Hi Bob,

Senator Moen would like to introduce legislation to implement the Operation Recognition program in Wisconsin. Under this program, WWII veterans and some Korean War vets may receive their high-school diploma if they left school prior to graduation to join the armed forces of the United States.

Massachusetts (MA) has this program in place. Florida and Nebraska are working towards that goal. I've included a copy of the Massachusetts program eligibility guidelines and drafting language, and an article from the Navy Times where Senator Moen got the idea.

Also, DPI has given us their initial support for this proposal pending review of the drafting language. I'm meeting with DVA today, however, I assume they will support this proposal.

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Drafting notes: Please specify eligibility for program participation to be for veterans age 65 and over instead of using the specific eligibility dates used by other states' programs. Those who've received their GED should also be eligible. Also, please make the initial draft state that "school districts may award diplomas....", and not will.

Thanks again for your help.

65 years of age or over
 person who served
 on active duty under honorable
 conditions in U.S. armed forces or
 in U.S. armed forces incorporated
 as part of U.S. armed forces

"Operation Recognition" for WWII Veterans

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<p>What is the Program</p>	<p>During the 1940's, thousands of young men and women across this country left high school and the comforts of home and hearth to serve gallantly in the armed forces during WWII. Their sacrifice ensured our freedom, built our country into a superpower, and shaped the entire course of history throughout the world. After the war, many of these veterans were not able to finish high school for various reasons, but led productive lives and built our communities over their lifetime.</p> <p>In recognition of their outstanding contribution, The Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services, through a program called "Operation Recognition" for WWII Veterans, is working with individual cities and towns to award full high school diplomas to qualifying WWII veterans. This is a small, overdue, gesture of our society's gratitude for the sacrifice these individuals made in the name of freedom.</p>
<p>Who is Eligible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All "honorably" discharged veterans who served in WWII between September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 who did not graduate from high school are eligible. • Attendance in high school ranging from 1937-1946 with graduation class (range) years of 1941-1950 is required. • Those who have earned a GED are also eligible and urged to apply. • Diplomas can also be awarded posthumously.
<p>Required Paperwork</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for "WWII Veterans" High School Diploma • Copy of "Honorable" Discharge papers attached to application • Discharge papers available through Military Records, 239 Causeway St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)-727-2964
<p>Participating High Schools</p>	<p>The list of Massachusetts cities/towns high schools participating in this program grows daily. Currently this list includes, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agawam, Athol, Boston, Cambridge, Chicopee, Fitchburg, Gardner, Hudson, Leominster, Ludlow, Marlborough, Templeton, Palmer, Reading, Springfield, Turners Falls, Winchendon, and Worcester. <p>If your city/town high school is not on this list, contact Robert McKean (see below) to determine whether your school has been added to the list, is currently considering the program, or if you want the school to be petitioned to consider the program. The information required is the name and address of the school superintendent, town officials, and veteran agent.</p>
<p>For more information</p>	<p>For additional information, contact:</p> <p>Robert McKean, Director of State Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services 239 Causeway St. - Suite 100 Boston, MA 02114 Phone: (617)-727-3578 Extension 108 Fax: (617)-727-5903 E-Mail: Robert.McKean@state.ma.us</p>

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO AWARD DIPLOMAS
TO VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II**

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 71 of the general laws, as appearing in the 1998 official edition, by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, school committees may award diplomas to any World War II veteran, as defined in clause 43 of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, who resided in a municipality whose residents currently attend the high school maintained by said school committee, who left high school prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States, who did not receive a high school diploma as a consequence of such service, and who was discharged from the army under honorable conditions. The department of education and the department of veterans' services shall jointly promulgate guidelines for the identification of eligible veterans by school districts and for the awarding of such diplomas by school districts.

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Senior class

World War II vets graduate with honors

By Nick Ahe
TIMES STAFF WRITER

For years, every time one of his children or grandchildren walked up to the stage to accept a diploma from Gardner (Mass.) High School, Harding C. Mason wished he was the recipient.

"I'd often thought about it," said Mason, 75, referring to the diploma he walked away from in 1942 to join the Navy and fight in World War II.

"It hurt to hear that music and see them marching to get it," he said.

This past May, 57 years after he would have graduated, Mason and 38 other would-be members of the Gardner High classes of '41 through '46 finally joined the ranks of their classmates.

Through a state government-

sponsored program called Operation Recognition, World War II-era veterans throughout Massachusetts who dropped out of school to join the military finally received their high school diplomas.

"These are not honorary degrees," said Bob McKean of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, who came up with the idea after hearing veterans in Gardner like Mason talk of their wartime experiences and regrets that they never formally completed high school.

School districts in Massachusetts embraced the plan. Last spring, high schools set up separate graduation ceremonies for the wartime veterans.

McKean does not have a statewide head count of World War II veterans who came forward to accept diplomas. But the figures he does have show the idea was a huge success.

"In the town of Chicopee, 58 graduated. Springfield had 50, Worcester about 60," McKean said. "In Boston, close to 100 came in to get diplomas."

By this time in these veterans'

lives, of course, the value of their sheepskins is largely symbolic and ceremonial. They fought the war, came home, married, took jobs, raised families and retired.

"I don't think any of us really gave it much thought whether we had a diploma," said Bernard "Red" Riley, who flew 48 missions as an Army Air Corps B-24 "Liberator" tail gunner in the Pacific instead of graduating with his class in 1944.

But that is not to say the new diplomas are meaningless.

"When the opportunity presented itself [to get the diplomas], we were thrilled," said Riley, who retired after working as a personnel manager with a furniture company in Gardner.

"I didn't think I needed it" after returning home from the war, said 73-year-old Angelo Olivari, who joined the Marine Corps in March 1944 after dropping out of his sophomore year at Gardner.

"I'm proud to have it now," he said.

Olivari fought in nearly all the major Pacific islands campaigns, receiving the Roman Catholic sacrament of last rites twice after

being seriously wounded on Okinawa.

After the war, Mason went on to work as a cook in hotels and lobster houses, marry twice and have 15 children and 20 grandchildren, most of whom attended his graduation ceremony.

"It's right here in the parlor," Mason said of his diploma. "I look at it every day."

For Clarence J. Cormier, the high school diploma helped him face and cope with harsh memories he carried throughout his life. Scheduled to graduate with Gardner High's class of '44, Cormier instead joined the Army in April 1943 at 19. The Germans captured him during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944, and he spent six months as a prisoner of war.

While riding a prisoner train, Cormier witnessed fellow prisoners cut down by strafing U.S. aircraft in a friendly fire incident. He never talked about it until after his graduation.

"What really started the whole thing was when I read the Tom Brokaw book," Cormier said, referring to the NBC News anchor's best-selling tribute to the Americans who fought in World War II, "The Greatest Generation."

The book contains a section describing the strafing incident, Cormier said. The book's passage brought hidden pain to the surface. "The graduation thing made me spill the beans to my family," Cormier said. "Now, I'm able to talk about it."

"It's like a weight off my back that I've been carrying around," Cormier said.

While helping raise his six children, taking numerous business and engineering courses and working as an instructor in nuclear engineering, Cormier said, "I never really thought too much about a diploma because I'd become successful on my own."

He would not have attended the ceremony, had not his youngest granddaughter, Taryn, pressed him.

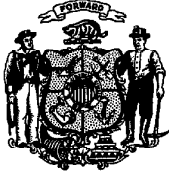
"She said, 'Grampy, you always push education. I want you to graduate this Thursday.' If I'd have missed this thing, I'd have been a sorry individual," Cormier said.

"I'll never get over it," Cormier said. "Even at this age, it's a new experience."

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response, McKean would like to see Operation Recognition embraced nationwide. He has had feelers from officials in several states, and said Nebraska and Florida are ready to adopt the program.

Veterans in Massachusetts will get another chance to receive their high school diplomas next May, McKean said. If this year's ceremony is an indicator, it will be a success.

Persons who want to know more about Operation Recognition can call McKean's office at the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services, (617) 727-3578, Ext. 108. □



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Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill permits a school board to award a high school diploma to a person who is at least 65 years old, attended high school in the school district, left high school before graduation to join the armed forces and served on active duty under honorable conditions in the armed forces.

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

2 SECTION 1. 119.04 (1) of the statutes, as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 77, is
3 amended to read:

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5 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343, 115.345, 115.361, 115.38
6 (2), 115.45, 118.001 to 118.04, 118.06, 118.07, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125 to 118.14,
7 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18, 118.19,
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SECTION 1

1 118.51, 118.52, 118.55, 120.12 (5) and (15) to (25), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g),
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NOTE: NOTE: Sub. (1) is shown as affected by four acts of the 1997 legislature and as merged by the revisor under s. 13.93 (2) (c). Sub. (1) is amended eff. 9-1-99 by 1997 Wis. Act 77 to read:NOTE:

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History: 1971 c. 152 s. 38; 1971 c. 154 s. 80; 1973 c. 89 s. 20(1); 1973 c. 90; 1973 c. 188 s. 6; 1973 c. 243, 254, 290, 307, 333; 1975 c. 39, 41, 95, 220, 379, 395, 422; 1977
 c. 29; 1977 c. 203 s. 106; 1977 c. 206, 284, 447; 1979 c. 20; 1979 c. 34 s. 2102 (43) (a); 1979 c. 221, 298, 331; 1979 c. 346 s. 15; 1979 c. 355; 1981 c. 59; 1981 c. 241 s. 4; 1983
 a. 193; 1983 a. 339 s. 10; 1983 a. 374 s. 12; 1983 a. 412, 489, 538; 1985 a. 29 s. 3202 (43); 1985 a. 56 s. 43; 1985 a. 214 s. 4; 1985 a. 225, 332; 1987 a. 27, 187, 285, 386, 403;
 1989 a. 31, 120, 121, 122, 201, 209, 359; 1991 a. 39, 42, 189, 269; 1993 a. 16, 334, 377, 491; 1995 a. 27, 225; 1997 a. 27, 77, 113, 240, 252, 335; s. 13.93 (2) (c).

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To: Madeline J. Lief, Legislative Attorney

From: Terry Tuschen, Senator Moen's office

Re: LRB 3505, Operation Recognition

Date: September 21, 1999

Hi Madeline,

There is only one addition we need made to this legislation: Please tie participation in this program to the statutorily designated war periods, s. 45.35 (5)(2e)

The person must have left high-school before graduation to join the armed forces during a statutorily designated war period, and served on active duty under honorable conditions.

Any questions, drop me a line, 266-8546.

Thanks, Terry



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**SUBMITTAL
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU
Legal Section Telephone: 266-3561
5th Floor, 100 N. Hamilton Street**

The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and sign on the appropriate line(s) below.

Date: 09/22/1999

To: Senator Moen

Relating to LRB drafting number: LRB-3505

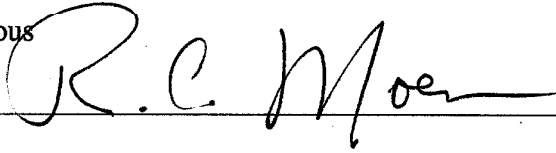
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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction _____



in the Senate or the Assembly (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached _____.

A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

3. Obtain **FISCAL ESTIMATE NOW**, prior to introduction _____.

If the analysis indicates that a fiscal estimate is required because the proposal makes an appropriation or increases or decreases existing appropriations or state or general local government fiscal liability or revenues, you have the option to request the fiscal estimate prior to introduction. If you choose to introduce the proposal without the fiscal estimate, the fiscal estimate will be requested automatically upon introduction. It takes about 10 days to obtain a fiscal estimate. Requesting the fiscal estimate prior to introduction retains your flexibility for possible redrafting of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

Madelon J. Lief, Legislative Attorney
Telephone: (608) 267-7380