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AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3129 OF TITLE 17 G.C.A. RELATIVE TO THE INCLUSION OF WORLD WAR I VETERANS TO RECEIVE AN HONORARY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Title 17 G.C.A. § 3219 is amended to read:

Onra I Manfåyi. (a) The Department of Education *"*§3219. 3 4 ('Department') with the cooperation of the Office of Veterans Affairs ('Office') shall develop and administer a program to be known as 'Onra I Manfåyi'. 5 The purpose of the program is to award honorary high school diplomas to 6 7 World War I, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam Conflict Veterans, as well as persons who served in World War II in the Guam Combat Patrol, 8 Wake Island Defenders, Guam Militia or Civilian Scouts. The Department and 9 10 Office shall jointly develop an application procedure, distribute applications 11 and publicize the program.

(b) The Department may award an honorary high school diplomato a current or former Guam resident who:

1(1) did not return to school and complete his or her2education after the war; and3(2) served in the United States armed services during World

4 <u>War I from 1917 through 1918,</u> World War II from 1939 through
5 1947, during the Korean War from 1950 to 195<u>35</u>, or the Vietnam
6 Conflict from 1961 through 1975, and

- (i) died in active service; or
 - (ii) was honorably discharged.

9 (c) A current or former Guam resident, who did not receive a high
10 school diploma and served during World War II in the Guam Combat
11 Patrol, Wake Island Defenders, Guam Militia or Civilian Scouts, may
12 receive an honorary high school diploma.

(d) If a person who would have qualified for an honorary high
 school diploma under this Section is deceased or incapacitated, a family
 member may apply for and receive the diploma on the person's behalf.

(e) The Department and Office shall jointly award the honorary
high school diplomas as part of a high school graduation ceremony or as
a separate ceremony to be held on or around Veterans Day."

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