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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; awarding General Educational Development (GED)
1.3 diplomas to World War II veterans; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) DIPLOMAS**
1.6 **AWARDED TO WORLD WAR II VETERANS.**

1.7 (a) The men and women who served honorably and bravely in the military during
1.8 World War II sacrificed their lives during the course of this patriotic service. They often
1.9 served at great risk to personal safety and in the face of the enemy. They placed the
1.10 national interests above their own interests in family, work, and education.

1.11 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 124D.549 and 124D.55, and
1.12 Minnesota Rules, part 3500.3100, the commissioner of education shall issue a General
1.13 Educational Development (GED) diploma to a person who:

- 1.14 (1) is a Minnesota resident;
- 1.15 (2) served in a branch of the United States armed forces during World War II;
- 1.16 (3) was honorably discharged from the United States armed forces; and
- 1.17 (4) has not earned a high school diploma or previously been issued a GED diploma.

1.18 An eligible person may apply to the commissioner for a GED diploma in a form and
1.19 manner developed by the commissioner.

1.20 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; WORLD WAR II VETERAN GEDS.**

1.21 Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The amount indicated in this section is
1.22 appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years
1.23 designated.

- 2.1 Subd. 2. **GED diplomas for World War II veterans.** For General Education
- 2.2 Development (GED) diplomas awarded to World War II veterans under section 1:
- 2.3 § 2008