

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 674 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, BOSCOLA, ALLOWAY, BAKER, BROWNE, BRUBAKER, EARLL, FOLMER, FARNESE, FONTANA, GORDNER, LOGAN, MUSTO, O'PAKE, ORIE, PILEGGI, PIPPY, RAFFERTY, STACK, STOUT, TOMLINSON, VOGEL, WASHINGTON, M. WHITE, WONDERLING, WOZNIAK AND YAW, MARCH 23, 2009

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MARCH 23, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in high schools, further providing
6 for academic degrees.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1611 of the act of March 10, 1949
10 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
11 amended by adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 1611. Academic Degrees.--* * *

13 (d) (1) A board of school directors may establish a program
14 to be known as "Operation Recognition" which provides for
15 granting a high school diploma to any honorably discharged
16 veteran who served in the United States military in the Vietnam
17 War between the fifteenth day of November, one thousand nine
18 hundred sixty-one, and the twenty-eighth day of March, one

1 thousand nine hundred seventy-three, who attended high school
2 between one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and one thousand
3 nine hundred seventy-three and who would have been a member of a
4 graduation class during the years one thousand nine hundred
5 sixty-two through one thousand nine hundred seventy-five but did
6 not graduate from high school due to entry into military
7 service.

8 (2) A board of school directors may award a diploma
9 posthumously to an eligible veteran.

10 (3) An application for a diploma under this subsection must
11 be made in the manner prescribed by the board of school
12 directors.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.