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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to provide for a waiver of tuition
- 2 for combat-injured and disabled veterans.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The University of Nebraska, the state
2 colleges, and the community colleges shall waive all tuition
3 pursuant to this section on behalf of a veteran who is (a)
4 separated from military service as a result of combat-related
5 injuries or (b) permanently and totally disabled as a result of
6 military service. Permanent and total disability does not include
7 total ratings or other temporary ratings except total ratings based
8 on individual unemployability if permanent.

9 (2) An application for a waiver under this section shall
10 be submitted through one of the recognized veterans organizations
11 or any county veterans service officer, on a form to be prescribed
12 by the Director of Veterans' Affairs. The organization or county
13 veterans service officer shall thoroughly investigate to determine
14 if the applicant is eligible for the waiver and transmit a
15 recommendation for action on the application to the director.

16 (3) If the director determines that the applicant is
17 eligible for the waiver, the director shall so certify to the
18 University of Nebraska, state college, or community college in
19 which the applicant desires to enroll. The decision of the director
20 shall, in the absence of fraud or misrepresentation on the part of
21 the applicant, be final and shall be binding upon the applicant
22 and upon such university, state college, or community college. The
23 director may adopt and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations
24 to carry out this section.

25 (4) The waiver shall be valid for one degree, diploma, or

1 certificate from a community college and one baccalaureate degree.

2 Receipt of such degree, diploma, or certificate from a community

3 college shall precede receipt of such baccalaureate degree.

4 (5) For purposes of this section, veteran means a veteran

5 as described in section 80-401.01.