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ENROLLED ACT NO. 46, SENATE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING 2015 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to education; amending provisions for resident tuition for military veterans, their spouses and children as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

- **Section 1.** W.S. 21-17-105(e)(intro), (i)(intro), (ii) and (g) and 21-18-202(a)(iii) are amended to read:
- 21-17-105. Tuition to be as nearly free as possible; number, qualifications and selection of students for reduced tuition; tuition for veterans, their spouses and children; reciprocal residency.
- (e) Effective for the 2014—2015 summer school session and each semester thereafter, any person who is a military veteran who does not qualify as a resident pursuant to subsection (d) of this section an applicant for resident tuition who is a veteran or eligible individual, as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c)(2), shall qualify as a resident for purposes of tuition at the University of Wyoming or Wyoming community college if the person applicant provides:
- (i) A certificate or other evidence of honorable discharge from the veteran's qualifying service in the uniformed services of the United States:
- (ii) Documented evidence <u>at the time of</u> <u>enrollment</u> that: the veteran has taken steps to establish residency in Wyoming.
- (A) The applicant for resident tuition intends to live in Wyoming during the term of enrollment;

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- (B) The veteran was discharged or released from a qualifying period of service in the active military, naval or air service before the date of enrollment;
- (C) If the applicant is a spouse or child of the veteran, the applicant is a transferee pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3311(b)(9) or 3319 of the veteran's eligibility for educational benefits.
- (g) Once a military veteran A person who has qualified for resident tuition under subsection (e) of this section, the veteran shall remain qualified in subsequent years upon complying with paragraph (c) (ii) of this section if the person pursues one or more courses of education while remaining continuously enrolled, other than during regularly scheduled breaks, lives in the state during the term of enrollment and, if the person is eligible through a transfer of eligibility pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 3319, the transfer has not been validly revoked.

## 21-18-202. Powers and duties of the commission.

- (a) The commission shall perform the following general functions:
- (iii) Establish residency requirements, which shall include provisions for military veterans, their spouses and children consistent with the requirements of  $W.S.\ 21-17-105(e)$ ;

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**Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House			President of the Senate			
Governor						
TIME	APPROVED:					
DATE	APPROVED:					
I hereby certify tha	t this act	orig	inated	in	the	Senate.
Chief Clerk						