

Assembly Bill No. 279—Assemblymen D’Silva, Gray, Thomas;
Bilbray-Axelrod, Gallant, Gurr, La Rue Hatch, McArthur,
Mosca, Summers-Armstrong, Taylor and Torres

Joint Sponsors: Senators Spearman,
Flores and Lange

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to the Nevada System of Higher Education; prohibiting the assessment of tuition charges against certain students within the System with a parent who is a veteran who has been awarded the Purple Heart; requiring the waiver of the payment of registration fees and certain other fees assessed against such a student; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes the Board of Regents to grant a waiver of registration and certain other fees to certain persons, including a student who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been awarded the Purple Heart. (NRS 396.5443) **Section 2** of this bill requires the Board of Regents to, in certain circumstances, waive the payment of registration fees, laboratory fees and any other mandatory fees assessed each semester against a student who is the child of such a veteran to the extent that the fees exceed the amount of any federal educational benefits to which the student is entitled. **Section 2** additionally provides that a child who is eligible to receive such a waiver may use it for: (1) ten years after he or she attains 18 years of age; or (2) if he or she enrolls in the System before attaining 18 years of age, for 10 years after the date of enrollment.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. (Deleted by amendment.)

Sec. 2. NRS 396.5443 is hereby amended to read as follows:

396.5443 1. The Board of Regents shall grant a waiver of the payment of registration fees, laboratory fees and any other mandatory fees assessed each semester against a student who is ~~is~~:

(a) *A* veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been awarded the Purple Heart ~~is~~; *or*

(b) *The child of such a veteran, if:*

(1) *The veteran is a bona fide resident of this State, or was a bona fide resident of this State at the time of his or her death;*
and



(2) The child of the veteran graduated from a high school located in this State.

2. The amount of the waiver must be equal to:

(a) If the student is entitled to receive any federal educational benefits for a semester, the balance of registration fees, laboratory fees and any other mandatory fees assessed against the student that remain unpaid after the student's account has been credited with the full amount of the federal educational benefits to which the student is entitled for that semester; or

(b) If the student is not entitled to receive any federal educational benefits for a semester, the full amount of the registration fees, laboratory fees and any other mandatory fees assessed against the student for that semester.

3. The waiver must be granted to a student who enrolls in any program offered by a school within the System, including, without limitation, a trade or vocational program, a graduate program or a professional program.

4. For the purpose of assessing fees and charges against a student to whom a waiver is granted pursuant to this section, including, without limitation, tuition charges pursuant to NRS 396.540, such a student shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of this State.

5. The Board of Regents may grant more favorable waivers of registration fees, laboratory fees and any other mandatory fees for veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been awarded the Purple Heart ***or the child of such a veteran*** than the waiver provided pursuant to this section if required for the receipt of federal money.

6. A child of a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been awarded the Purple Heart may use a waiver granted pursuant to this section for 10 years after the child attains 18 years of age, or, if the child enrolls in the System before attaining 18 years of age, for 10 years after the date of such enrollment.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

