

ACT No. 224

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HOUSE BILL NO. 167

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1688 and 5002(H), relative to tuition and fees at public postsecondary
3 education institutions; to provide for a tuition and fee waiver for certain disabled
4 veterans; to provide for the waiver amount to be calculated after the application of
5 federal benefits; to provide criteria for continuing eligibility and for the maximum
6 duration of the waiver; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1688 and 5002(H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1688. Disabled veterans; tuition and fee exemption

10 A.(1) A disabled veteran who has enrolled in a program of education
11 approved for educational assistance under 38 U.S.C. 3313 at a public postsecondary
12 education institution and who does not qualify for the one hundred percent eligibility
13 tier shall receive an exemption in an amount equal to the remaining tuition and fees
14 owed to the institution attended after the application of federal benefits under
15 38 U.S.C. 3313.

16 (2) For purposes of this Section, "disabled veteran" means an individual who
17 has a service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of
18 Veterans Affairs and who is a resident of Louisiana.

19 B. In order to be eligible for the exemption, the student shall maintain full-
20 time enrollment and meet the academic standards and comply with the rules and
21 regulations of the institution for enrollment and continued attendance. A student

