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HOUSE BILL NO. 167

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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

1 shall be eligible for the exemption for up to ten semesters or an equivalent number 2 of units in an eligible institution which operates on a schedule based on units other 3 than semesters. 4 5 §5002. Awards and amounts 6 7 H. In lieu of the payment of tuition as provided in this Section, any student participating in the program provided by R.S. 17:1688 for disabled veterans shall 8 9 receive the tuition exemption provided in that Section. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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