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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws, February 15, 2007, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to combat veterans.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 173.900, to read as follows:

173.900 1. For the purpose of this section, the term "combat veteran" shall mean a person who served in armed combat in the military after September 11, 2001, and to whom the following criteria shall apply:

(1) The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military; and

(2) The veteran was discharged from military service under honorable conditions.

2. All institutions of higher education that receive any state funds whatsoever shall limit the amount of tuition such institutions charge to combat veterans to fifty dollars per credit hour, as long as the veteran achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a four point scale, or its equivalent.

3. The period during which a combat veteran is eligible for a tuition limitation under this section shall expire at the end of the ten-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's last discharge from service.

4. The coordinating board for higher education shall ensure that all applicable institutions of higher education in this state comply with the provisions of this subsection and may promulgate rules for the

21 **efficient implementation of this subsection.**

22 **5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section**
23 **536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this**
24 **section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to**
25 **all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section**
26 **536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable**
27 **and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
28 **chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to**
29 **disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional,**
30 **then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or**
31 **adopted after August 28, 2007, shall be invalid and void.**

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