

No. 1980-56

## AN ACT

HB 2137

Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.302, No.140), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the admission of children to, and their education and maintenance in, and their discharge from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; prohibiting discharging children or taking children from said school, or children from leaving the same without an order of the Board of Trustees of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; and prescribing penalties," providing for the admission of children of veterans who did not serve during a time of war or armed conflict.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.302, No.140), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the admission of children to, and their education and maintenance in, and their discharge from the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; prohibiting discharging children or taking children from said school, or children from leaving the same without an order of the Board of Trustees of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children; and prescribing penalties," amended October 4, 1978 (P.L.933, No.178), is amended to read:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Scotland School for Veterans' Children shall admit to the Scotland School for Veterans' Children, under such rules and forms of application as it may adopt, children over six (6) and under fourteen (14) years of age, of parents who have resided in this Commonwealth for a continuous period of not less than five years prior to application for admission of such children, or prior to the death of the last survivor of such parents, and one or both of whose parents has served in any branch of the armed forces of the United States **[during any war or armed conflict in which the United States has been, is now or may hereafter be engaged, or in any movement or campaign in connection therewith or resulting therefrom,]** and has died in such service or has been honorably discharged therefrom.

Preference in admission shall be as follows: *(1) Children whose parent or parents served in the armed forces during any war or armed conflict in which the United States has been, is now or may hereafter be engaged, or in any movement or campaign in connection therewith or resulting therefrom; [(1)] (2) Children, both of whose parents are dead; [(2)] (3) Children, with only one living parent; [(3)] (4) Destitute children not being in either of the two foregoing classes.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 29th day of May, A. D. 1980.

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