

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2471**

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59th Legislature  
2006 Regular Session

VETERAN HOMEOWNERSHIP DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/7/06

Passed by the House March 4, 2006  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

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**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 28, 2006  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

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**President of the Senate**

Approved March 27, 2006.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2471** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER

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**Chief Clerk**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By**            House Committee on Housing (originally sponsored by Representatives McCune, Miloscia, Dunn, Campbell, Linville, Morrell, Strow, O'Brien, Green, Sells, Chase and Holmquist)

READ FIRST TIME 2/3/06.

1            AN ACT Relating to creating a veteran homeownership program;  
2 reenacting and amending RCW 41.04.007; and adding a new section to  
3 chapter 43.180 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.180 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) By January 1, 2007, the Washington state housing finance  
8 commission shall create and implement a veteran homeownership  
9 downpayment assistance program to work in conjunction with the  
10 commission's housing finance programs. The program will assist the  
11 following individuals purchase a home:

12            (a) Washington state residents who are veterans, as defined by RCW  
13 41.04.007;

14            (b) Members and former members of the Washington national guard and  
15 reserve; and

16            (c) Never remarried spouses and dependent children of deceased  
17 veterans, as defined by RCW 41.04.007.

18            (2) The commission shall adopt rules providing procedures to assure

1 that the downpayment assistance program is available for qualified  
2 veterans in a fair and equitable manner.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.04.007 and 2005 c 251 s 1 and 2005 c 216 s 7 are  
4 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

5 "Veteran" includes every person, who at the time he or she seeks  
6 the benefits of RCW 46.16.30920, 72.36.030, 41.04.010, 73.04.090,  
7 73.04.110, 73.08.010, 73.08.060, 73.08.070, ~~((or))~~ 73.08.080, or  
8 section 1 of this act has received an honorable discharge or received  
9 a discharge for medical reasons with an honorable record, where  
10 applicable, and who has served in at least one of the following  
11 capacities:

12 (1) As a member in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
13 States, including the national guard and armed forces reserves, and has  
14 fulfilled his or her initial military service obligation;

15 (2) As a member of the women's air forces service pilots;

16 (3) As a member of the armed forces reserves, national guard, or  
17 coast guard, and has been called into federal service by a presidential  
18 select reserve call up for at least one hundred eighty cumulative days;

19 (4) As a civil service crewmember with service aboard a U.S. army  
20 transport service or U.S. naval transportation service vessel in  
21 oceangoing service from December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

22 (5) As a member of the Philippine armed forces/scouts during the  
23 period of armed conflict from December 7, 1941, through August 15,  
24 1945; or

25 (6) A United States documented merchant mariner with service aboard  
26 an oceangoing vessel operated by the department of defense, or its  
27 agents, from both June 25, 1950, through July 27, 1953, in Korean  
28 territorial waters and from August 5, 1964, through May 7, 1975, in  
29 Vietnam territorial waters, and who received a military commendation.

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