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Introduced by Sen. SMITH -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to allowing certain veterans to ride public transportation free of charge

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The military law is amended by adding a new section 245-a  
2     to read as follows:  
3     S 245-A. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; CERTAIN WAR VETERANS.     NOTWITH-  
4     STANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW OR THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT, A  
5     RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF ANY BRANCH  
6     OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO PERFORMED MILITARY SERVICE  
7     DURING A PERIOD OF WAR SHALL BE ENTITLED, FOR THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
8     HIS OR HER RETURN TO THIS STATE FROM SUCH MILITARY SERVICE, TO RIDE FREE  
9     OF CHARGE ON EVERY TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER IN THIS STATE. THE COMMIS-  
10    SIONER OF TRANSPORTATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO  
11    CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
12    "TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER" SHALL MEAN ANY PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR NOT-FOR-PRO-  
13    FIT ENTITY UTILIZING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROVIDE OR CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC  
14    TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR SPECIF-  
15    IC CLIENT GROUPS.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
17    it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
18    ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation  
19    necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are  
20    authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such  
21    effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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