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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing business franchise and personal income tax credits for employers which employ combat veterans

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

Section 1. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision 45 to read as follows:

45. CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT VETERANS. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, FOR EMPLOYING WITHIN THE STATE A COMBAT VETERAN.

(B) COMBAT VETERAN. A COMBAT VETERAN IS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN TWO YEARS OF COMMENCING EMPLOYMENT BY THE TAXPAYER, WHO SERVED IN A COMBAT ZONE AS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM SUCH SERVICE OR FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.

(C) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT SHALL BE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH COMBAT VETERAN EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR ON A FULL-TIME BASIS OF THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE OF WORK PER WEEK. THE CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS SUBDIVISION MAY ONLY BE CLAIMED, WITH REGARD TO ANY COMBAT VETERAN, IF SUCH VETERAN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER ON A FULL-TIME BASIS FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. PROVIDED THAT THE TAXPAYER MAY ONLY CLAIM CREDIT FOR A COMBAT VETERAN FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH SUCH VETERAN COMPLETED THE EMPLOYMENT DURATION REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND THE IMMEDIATELY

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

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SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEAR IF SUCH VETERAN HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

(D) CARRYOVER. THE CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS, AND MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.

S 2. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxiv) to read as follows:

(XXXIV) CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT VETERANS UNDER SUBSECTION (UU)	AMOUNT OF CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT VETERANS UNDER SUBDIVISION FORTY-FIVE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN

S 3. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (uu) to read as follows:

(UU) CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF COMBAT VETERANS. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, FOR EMPLOYING WITHIN THE STATE A COMBAT VETERAN.

(2) COMBAT VETERAN. A COMBAT VETERAN IS A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN TWO YEARS OF COMMENCING EMPLOYMENT BY THE TAXPAYER, WHO SERVED IN A COMBAT ZONE AS DESIGNATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, AND WHO HAS BEEN HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM SUCH SERVICE OR FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.

(3) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT SHALL BE SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH COMBAT VETERAN EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR ON A FULL-TIME BASIS OF THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE OF WORK PER WEEK. THE CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS SUBSECTION MAY ONLY BE CLAIMED, WITH REGARD TO ANY COMBAT VETERAN, IF SUCH VETERAN HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER ON A FULL-TIME BASIS FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. PROVIDED THAT THE TAXPAYER MAY ONLY CLAIM CREDIT FOR A COMBAT VETERAN FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH SUCH VETERAN COMPLETED THE EMPLOYMENT DURATION REQUIREMENT OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND THE IMMEDIATELY SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEAR IF SUCH VETERAN HAS BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

(4) CARRYOVER. IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS, AND MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2012.