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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a returning veterans tax credit for businesses that hire veterans

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

1     Section 1. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 45 to read as follows:  
3     45. RETURNING VETERANS TAX CREDIT. (A) GENERAL. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE  
4     ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION,  
5     AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE FOR EACH VETERAN OR WOUNDED  
6     VETERAN HIRED DURING A TAXABLE YEAR, PROVIDED THAT SUCH:  
7     (I) VETERAN IS EMPLOYED FOR THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK AND  
8     REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR TWELVE MONTHS OR MORE.  
9     (II) WOUNDED VETERAN IS EMPLOYED FOR SEVENTEEN AND ONE-HALF HOURS OR  
10    MORE PER WEEK AND REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR TWELVE  
11    MONTHS OR MORE.  
12    (B) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. A CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL  
13    THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HIRED VETERAN AND FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS PER  
14    HIRED WOUNDED VETERAN BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.  
15    (C) CARRYOVERS. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE  
16    CLAIMED AND IF NOT FULLY USED IN THE INITIAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT  
17    IS CLAIMED MAY BE CARRIED OVER, IN ORDER, TO EACH OF THE FIVE SUCCEEDING  
18    TAXABLE YEARS. THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBDIVISION MAY NOT BE USED  
19    TO REDUCE THE TAX LIABILITY OF THE CREDIT CLAIMANT BELOW ZERO.  
20    (D) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS  
21    SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:  
22    (I) "VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY,  
23    NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF WAR, OR WHO WAS A RECIPIENT OF  
24    THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, MARINE  
25    CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY

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

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MEDAL, AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED THEREFROM UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

(II) "WOUNDED VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A VETERAN, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WHO SUSTAINED A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY AS CERTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WHERE SUCH DISABILITY WAS INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL OR AIR SERVICE.

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) RETURNING VETERAN TAX	COSTS UNDER SUBDIVISION
CREDIT; SUBSECTION (UU)	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) RETURNING VETERANS TAX CREDIT. (1) GENERAL. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE FOR EACH VETERAN OR WOUNDED VETERAN HIRED DURING A TAXABLE YEAR, PROVIDED THAT SUCH:

(I) VETERAN IS EMPLOYED FOR THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK AND REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR TWELVE MONTHS OR MORE.

(II) WOUNDED VETERAN IS EMPLOYED FOR SEVENTEEN AND ONE-HALF HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK AND REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR TWELVE MONTHS OR MORE.

(2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. A CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HIRED VETERAN AND FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HIRED WOUNDED VETERAN BUT SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(3) CARRYOVERS. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE CLAIMED AND IF NOT FULLY USED IN THE INITIAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE CREDIT IS CLAIMED MAY BE CARRIED OVER, IN ORDER, TO EACH OF THE FIVE SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEARS. THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE USED TO REDUCE THE TAX LIABILITY OF THE CREDIT CLAIMANT BELOW ZERO.

(4) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

(I) "VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A PERSON WHO SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL, OR AIR SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF WAR, OR WHO WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED OR RELEASED THEREFROM UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS.

(II) "WOUNDED VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A VETERAN, AS DEFINED PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, WHO SUSTAINED A SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY AS CERTIFIED BY THE FEDERAL VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, WHERE SUCH DISABILITY WAS INCURRED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY, NAVAL OR AIR SERVICE.

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