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Introduced by Sens. MAZIARZ, SAVINO, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT directing the New York state continuing legal education board to adopt regulations permitting attorneys to earn continuing education credits for uncompensated legal services to veterans and volunteer emergency responders

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

Section 1. The New York state continuing legal education board, established pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1500, is authorized and directed to promulgate regulations providing that an attorney may earn continuing legal education credits by performing uncompensated legal services to any veteran of the armed forces of the United States or any active volunteer emergency responder, regardless of such veteran's or volunteer emergency responder's income, in the same manner in which an attorney may earn continuing legal education credit for uncompensated legal services to individuals unable to afford counsel pursuant to a program accredited by the continuing legal education board under 22 NYCRR 1500.22(j). For the purposes of this act, the term "volunteer emergency responder" shall mean an active member of a volunteer fire company and/or a voluntary ambulance service as such terms are defined in section 100 of the general municipal law.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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