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Introduced by M. of A. KAVANAGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Election Law -- recommitted to the Committee on Election Law in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee voting qualifications

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 8-400 of the election law, as  
2     amended by chapter 63 of the laws of 2010, paragraph (c) as amended by  
3     chapter 375 of the laws of 2015, is amended and a new subdivision 11 is  
4     added to read as follows:  
5     1. A qualified voter may vote as an absentee voter under this chapter  
6     if, on the occurrence of any village election conducted by the board of  
7     elections, primary election, special election, general election or New  
8     York city community school board district or city of Buffalo school  
9     district election, he or she expects to be[ :  
10     (a) absent from the county of his or her residence, or, if a resident  
11     of the city of New York absent from said city; or  
12     (b) unable to appear personally at the polling place of the election  
13     district in which he or she is a qualified voter because of illness or  
14     physical disability or duties related to the primary care of one or more  
15     individuals who are ill or physically disabled, or because he or she  
16     will be or is a patient in a hospital; or  
17     (c) a resident or patient of a veterans health administration hospital; or  
18     (d) absent from his or her voting residence because he or she is  
19     detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial, or  
20     confined in jail or prison after a conviction for an offense other than  
21     a felony, provided that he or she is qualified to vote in the election  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 district of his or her residence] UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON DUE TO  
2 DUTIES, OCCUPATION, BUSINESS, PERSONAL MATTERS OR STUDIES.

3 11. NO SINGLE AGENT SHALL COLLECT MORE THAN FIFTEEN ABSENTEE BALLOTS,  
4 EXCEPT UPON APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF TWO INSPECTORS REPRESENTING  
5 DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES.

6 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
7 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, any rules and regu-  
8 lations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effec-  
9 tive date are authorized to be made before such effective date.