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Introduced by Sens. JORDAN, AKSHAR, BORRELLO, BROOKS, HELMING, MARTUCCI, MATTERA, ORTT, PALUMBO, RATH, RITCHIE, TEDISCO -- 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 the issuance of a New York State September Eleventh Service Medal

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 247 of the military law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 1-d to read as follows:

3 1-d. The adjutant general is hereby authorized to present in the name
4 of the legislature of the state of New York, a medal, to be known as the
5 "New York State September Eleventh Service Medal", bearing a suitable
6 inscription, to any person: (i) who is a citizen of the state of New
7 York; or (ii) who was a citizen of the state of New York while serving
8 in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) who served in the United
9 States Armed Forces, defined as army, air force, navy, marine corps, or
10 coast guard, or the organized militia on active duty and participated in
11 the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the World Trade Center
12 site in response to the World Trade Center attack on September eleventh,
13 two thousand one; and (iv) who was honorably discharged or released
14 under honorable circumstances subsequent to such service. Not more than
15 one New York State September Eleventh Service Medal shall be awarded or
16 presented, under the provisions of this subdivision, to any person whose
17 entire service subsequent to the time of the receipt of such medal shall
18 not have been honorable. For each succeeding star as provided herein,
19 such person shall be entitled to wear, as the chief of staff of the
20 state may direct, a ribbon whose color and design shall be selected by
21 the division of military and naval affairs. In the event of the death of
22 any person during or subsequent to the receipt of such certificate it
23 shall be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be

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

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1 designated. The adjutant general, in consultation with the director of
2 the division of veterans' affairs, shall make such rules and regulations
3 as may be deemed necessary for the proper presentation and distribution
4 of such medals.

5 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 247 of the military law, as amended by
6 chapter 332 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

7 4. This section shall not be construed to require that a recipient of
8 the conspicuous service cross, the conspicuous service star, the Cold
9 War Certificate ~~or~~, the New York State Silver Rose Veterans Service
10 Certificate or the New York State September Eleventh Service Medal has
11 been a resident of the state of New York at the time of his or her entry
12 into the United States army, air force, navy, marine corps, or nurses
13 corps.

14 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
15 it shall have become a law. The division of military and naval affairs
16 is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take
17 any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on
18 its effective date on or before such date.