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Introduced by M. of A. RAMOS, DINOWITZ, JACKSON, SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to veterans and competitive civil service exam points

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil service law, as separately amended by section 37 of part PP of chapter 56 and chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The terms "veteran" and "non-disabled veteran" mean**: (1)** a member of the armed forces of the United States who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from such service including (i) having a qualifying condition as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, who is a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States and who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be**; or**

(2) a member of the armed forces of the United States who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from such service, who is a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, who is a resident of the state of New York at the time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be, and who was awarded either a: (i) Combat Action Ribbon, (ii) Combat Infantryman Badge, (iii) Combat Medical Badge, (iv) Combat Action Badge, (v) Combat Recognition Ribbon, or (vi) Air Force Combat Action medal.

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

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§ 2. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 85 of the civil service law, as added by chapter 790 of the laws of 1958, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Disabled veterans shall be entitled to receive ten points additional **credit** in a competitive examination for original appointment and five points additional credit in a competitive examination for promotion, and

§ 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil service law, as amended by chapter 608 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The term "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is certified by the United States veterans' administration or a military department as entitled to receive disability payments upon the certification of such veterans' administration or a military department for a disability incurred by [~~him or her~~] **such veteran** in the course of [~~his or her~~] **such veteran's** service and in existence at the time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be **and who was awarded either a: (i) Combat Action Ribbon, (ii) Combat Infantryman Badge, (iii) Combat Medical Badge, (iv) Combat Action Badge, (v) Combat Recognition Ribbon, or (vi) Air Force Combat Action medal**. Such disability shall be deemed to be in existence at the time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be, if the certificate of such veterans' administration shall state affirmatively that such veteran has been examined by a medical officer of such veterans' administration on a date within one year of either the date of filing application for competitive examination for original appointment or promotion or the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible list or within one year of the time of retention, as the case may be; that at the time of such examination the disability described in such certificate was found to exist; and that such disability is rated at ten per centum or more. Such disability shall also be deemed to be in existence at such time if the certificate of such veterans' administration shall state affirmatively that a permanent stabilized condition of disability exists to an extent of ten per centum or more, notwithstanding the fact that such veteran has not been examined by a medical officer of such veterans' administration within one year of either the time of application for appointment or promotion or the date of filing application for competitive examination for original appointment or promotion, or within one year of the time of retention, as the case may be.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.