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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to exempting veterans from application fees for admission to the state university

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law, as separately amended by chapters 552 and 616 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Such regulations shall also provide that upon request by a student who is an eligible veteran the payment of tuition and other fees and charges, less the amounts payable for such purposes from scholarships or other financial assistance awarded said veteran pursuant to article thirteen of this chapter, article one hundred thirty of this chapter or any other state or federal aid program, shall be deferred in such amounts and until such times as the several payments of veterans' benefits under the Veterans' Readjustment Benefit Act of 1966, as amended, are received by the veteran, provided that the veteran has filed a claim for such benefits and presents to the state university proof of eligibility, extent of entitlement to benefits and the need for deferral until the receipt of such benefits. **An eligible veteran shall also be exempt from the payment of any application fees for admission to any state university.**

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth 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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