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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to including veterans in the definition of military status for purposes of unlawful discrimination

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 28 of section 292 of the executive law, as  
2 added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
3 28. The term "military status" when used in this article means a  
4 person's participation in the military service of the United States or  
5 the military service of the state, including but not limited to, the  
6 armed forces of the United States, the army national guard, the air  
7 national guard, the New York naval militia, the New York guard, service  
8 as a commissioned officer in the public health service, commissioned  
9 officer of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration or  
10 commissioned officer of the environmental sciences services adminis-  
11 tration, a cadet at a United States armed forces services academy, and  
12 such additional forces as may be created by the federal or state govern-  
13 ment as authorized by law. "Military status" shall also include a  
14 person's participation in the military service of the United States or  
15 the military service of the state if such person has been released from  
16 such service.  
17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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