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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- 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 veterans' services law, in relation to establishing a supplemental burial allowance for certain first responders

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

Section 1. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 8 of the veterans' services law are amended to read as follows:

New York state supplemental burial allowance for members of the uniformed services of the United States killed in combat or duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC § 310 **and for certain certified first responders**.

1. As used in this section, "parent" means a father, a mother, a father through adoption, a mother through adoption, or an individual who, for a period of not less than one year, at any time before the decedent's entry into active military service **or at any time before September eleventh, two thousand one,** stood in the relationship of a parent to a decedent who died in combat or duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC § 310, or who died from a wound incurred in combat or while serving on duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC § 310**, or who was a certified first responder who died as a result of a certified World Trade Center medical condition** or, if two persons stood in the relationship of a parent for one year or more, the person who bore the expenses of the funeral of the decedent.

§ 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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