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## IN SENATE

March 20, 2025

Introduced by Sen. WEBER -- 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 civil service law, in relation to additional credit allowed veterans in competitive examinations; preference in retention upon abolition of positions

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil  
2 service law, as separately amended by section 37 of part PP of chapter  
3 56 and chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The terms "veteran" and "non-disabled veteran" mean a member of  
5 the armed forces of the United States who was honorably discharged or  
6 released under honorable circumstances from such service including (i)  
7 having a qualifying condition as defined in section one of the veterans'  
8 services law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or  
9 dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a discharged LGBT veteran,  
10 as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and receiving a  
11 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, who  
12 is a citizen of the United States or a noncitizen lawfully admitted for  
13 permanent residence in the United States and who is a resident of the  
14 state of New York at the time of application for appointment or  
15 promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be. The terms  
16 "veteran" and "non-disabled veteran" shall also mean the spouse and/or  
17 children of a member of the armed forces of the United States who served  
18 therein in time of war and was subsequently killed in the line of duty.

19 § 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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