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

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to authorizing Rockland community college to establish a tuition reduction program for active members of the volunteer fire companies and ambulance corps in Rockland

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6304 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5-c to read as follows:

5-C. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL, OR LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION FIVE OF THIS SECTION, TO THE CONTRARY, ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY, WITH THE CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATURE OF ROCKLAND COUNTY AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES, REQUIRE LESSER TUITION CHARGES OR FEES THAN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY IN THE AGGREGATE TO PROVIDE ONE-THIRD OF THE OPERATING COSTS FROM, OR PROVIDE TUITION WITHOUT CHARGE TO, ANY ENROLLED ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF AN INCORPORATED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, FIRE DEPARTMENT, OR INCORPORATED VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY WHO:

A. RESIDES IN ROCKLAND COUNTY; AND

B. HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION FOR THE INCORPORATED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE AS AN ENROLLED ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF SUCH INCORPORATED VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTARY AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR PERIODS OF TIME AND ACCORDING TO PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION OR LOCAL LAW ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND. THE BENEFITS RECEIVED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION BY ANY PERSON WHO AT THE TIME SUCH BENEFIT IS RECEIVED IS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKER, SHALL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE VOLUNTEER STATUS OF SUCH PERSON FOR PURPOSES OF ANY OTHER GENERAL, SPECIAL, OR LOCAL LAW.

S 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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