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Introduced by M. of A. CASTELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the benevolent orders law, the alcoholic beverage control law, the general municipal law, the general city law, the town law, the military law, the social services law, the general business law and the real property tax law, in relation to declaring the Veterans of Modern Warfare, Inc. and the Vietnam Veterans of America to be benevolent orders and granting such organizations various benefits available to specified veterans' organizations

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

1     Section 1. Section 2 of the benevolent orders law is amended by adding  
2     two new subdivisions 59 and 60 to read as follows:  
3     59. THE VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., OR ANY SUBORDINATE CHAPTER  
4     THEREOF, WHICH IS DULY CHARTERED BY AND INSTITUTED ACCORDING TO THE  
5     CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THAT ORGANIZATION.  
6     60. THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, OR ANY SUBORDINATE CHAPTER THERE-  
7     OF, WHICH IS DULY CHARTERED BY AND INSTITUTED ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITU-  
8     TION AND LAWS OF THAT ORGANIZATION.  
9     S 2. Section 7 of the benevolent orders law is amended by adding two  
10    new subdivisions 16-i and 16-j to read as follows:  
11    16-I. ANY NUMBER OF CHARTERS OF THE VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC.,  
12    CHARTERED AND INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS OF THAT ORGANIZA-  
13    TION;  
14    16-J. ANY NUMBER OF CHARTERS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAR-  
15    TERED AND INSTALLED ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS OF THAT ORGANIZATION;  
16    S 3. Subdivision 9 of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage control law,  
17    as amended by chapter 575 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as  
18    follows:  
19    9. "Club" shall mean an organization of persons incorporated pursuant  
20    to the provisions of the not-for-profit corporation law or the benevo-  
21    lent orders law, which is the owner, lessee or occupant of a building  
22    used exclusively for club purposes, and which does not traffic in alco-  
23    holic beverages for profit and is operated solely for a recreational,

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

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1 social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purpose but not for  
2 pecuniary gain; except that where such club is located in an office or  
3 business building, or state armory, it may be licensed as such provided  
4 it otherwise qualifies as a "club" within the meaning of this subdivi-  
5 sion. A "luncheon club" shall mean a club which is open only on week  
6 days during the hours between eleven o'clock in the morning and three  
7 o'clock in the afternoon. A "member" of a club shall mean a person who  
8 whether a charter member or admitted in agreement with the by-laws of  
9 the club, has become a bona fide member thereof, who maintains his or  
10 her membership by the payment of his or her annual dues in a bona fide  
11 manner in accordance with the by-laws and whose name and address is  
12 entered on the list of members; or in the case of a veterans club where  
13 a person has in his or her possession an identification card indicating  
14 his or her membership in the national veterans' organization with which  
15 the club at which he or she is present is affiliated. For the purposes  
16 of this section a veterans club shall include but not be limited to the  
17 Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veter-  
18 ans of Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc.,  
19 the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War Veterans of  
20 the United States, Incorporated, the Polish Legion of American Veterans,  
21 Inc., the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple Heart,  
22 Inc., the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Amer-  
23 ican Veterans of World War II, Masonic War Veterans of the State of New  
24 York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the United States of America  
25 Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India Veterans Association,  
26 Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, the Sons of Union Veter-  
27 ans, Vietnam Veterans of America, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC. or  
28 the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association. In the case of a chapter or  
29 lodge of a not-for-profit corporation or a benevolent order qualifying  
30 as an organization described in section 501(c)(8) or 501(c)(10) of the  
31 United States internal revenue code, a member of another chapter or  
32 lodge of such not-for-profit corporation or benevolent order who has in  
33 his or her possession an identification card or other proof of member-  
34 ship shall be deemed to be a member. A club and a luncheon club shall  
35 appoint an alcoholic beverage officer from among its members who shall  
36 be responsible for filing all applications and other documents required  
37 to be submitted to the authority. The person appointed alcoholic bever-  
38 age officer shall be subject to approval by the authority.

39 S 4. Subdivision 1 of section 77 of the general municipal law, as  
40 amended by chapter 1013 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 1. A municipal corporation may lease, for not exceeding five years, to  
43 a post or posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of Foreign  
44 Wars of the United States, American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, Inc.,  
45 Disabled American Veterans, the Army and Navy Union, U.S.A., Marine  
46 Corps League, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Jewish War  
47 Veterans of the United States, Inc., Italian American War Veterans of  
48 the United States, Incorporated, Masonic War Veterans of the State of  
49 New York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the United States of America  
50 Department of New York, Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II,  
51 Amsterdam, N.Y., Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Sche-  
52 nectady, N.Y., Inc., Polish Legion of American Veterans, Inc., VIETNAM  
53 VETERANS OF AMERICA, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC. or other veteran  
54 organization of honorably discharged members of the armed forces of the  
55 United States or to an incorporated organization or an association of  
56 either active or exempt volunteer firemen, a public building or part

1 thereof, belonging to such municipal corporation, except schoolhouses in  
2 actual use as such, without expense, or at a nominal rent, fixed by the  
3 board or council having charge of such buildings and provide furniture  
4 and furnishings, and heat, light and janitor service therefor, in like  
5 manner.

6 S 5. Section 13 of the general city law, as separately amended by  
7 chapters 14 and 982 of the laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 13. Moneys for Memorial and Veterans days; how expended. The moneys  
9 appropriated by a city for observance of Memorial and Veterans days  
10 therein pursuant to section twelve of this chapter shall be expended  
11 under the direction of a board composed of the mayor and the commanders  
12 and quartermasters of the Grand Army posts, the American Legion, the  
13 United Spanish War Veterans camps, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the  
14 United States, the Army and Navy Union of the United States, the Marine  
15 Corps League, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian Ameri-  
16 can War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, the Jewish War  
17 Veterans of the United States and commanders and treasurers of Sons of  
18 Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., Disabled American  
19 Veterans camps, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Masonic War  
20 Veterans of the State of New York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the  
21 United States of America Department of New York, Inc., Polish-American  
22 Veterans of World War II, Amsterdam, N. Y., Inc., Polish-American Veter-  
23 ans of World War II, Schenectady, N. Y., Inc., Polish Legion of American  
24 Veterans, Inc., United Veteran's Association of America, Incorporated,  
25 VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC. and the  
26 United Veterans Memorial and Executive Committee of such city. The whole  
27 amount of such money appropriated or any part thereof may be spent by  
28 such board in observance of Memorial and Veterans days. Bills properly  
29 verified for all claims and expenditures arising under section twelve of  
30 this chapter or under this section, shall be presented to and audited by  
31 such board and shall be paid by the common council of any such city. The  
32 moneys appropriated shall be raised by tax on the real and personal  
33 property liable to taxation in any such city in the same manner as the  
34 ordinary expenses of maintaining the city government.

35 S 6. Section 13-e of the general city law, as amended by chapter 328  
36 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

37 S 13-e. Expenses of meeting rooms for veterans' and other organiza-  
38 tions. Any city may appropriate and make available a sum of money not  
39 exceeding five hundred dollars in any one year for each chapter, post,  
40 camp or garrison, as the case may be, of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
41 the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Amer-  
42 ican Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the  
43 Purple Heart, Inc., the Army and Navy Union of the United States, the  
44 Marine Corps League, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, the  
45 Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, Veter-  
46 ans of World War I of the United States of America Department of New  
47 York, Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Amsterdam, N. Y.,  
48 Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Schenectady, N. Y.,  
49 Inc., Polish Legion of American Veterans, Inc., the Jewish War Veterans  
50 of the United States, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., Masonic War  
51 Veterans of the State of New York, Inc., the American Gold Star Mothers,  
52 Inc., Regular Veterans Association, Inc., the Viet Nam Veterans of Amer-  
53 ica, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans  
54 Association, the 369th Veterans Association, Inc., the Tri-County Coun-  
55 cil of Vietnam Veterans, the National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans,  
56 the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, the Korean War Veterans Associ-

1 ation, the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, or the Navy Club of  
2 the U.S.A., located within its boundaries, for the purpose of assisting  
3 in defraying the rental or maintenance expenses, or both, of rooms for  
4 the holding of meetings of any such post, camp, garrison or chapter. All  
5 sums hereby authorized to be expended shall be appropriated, raised and  
6 expended, in the same manner as moneys for other municipal expenses in  
7 the city are appropriated, raised and expended.

8 S 7. Subdivision 12 of section 64 of the town law, as amended by chap-  
9 ter 658 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

10 12. Appropriations for Independence day, Memorial day, Columbus day  
11 and Veterans day. Any town may appropriate annually such sums as it may  
12 deem appropriate for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper  
13 observance of Independence day, Memorial or Decoration day, Columbus day  
14 and Veterans day in such proportion as it may determine. Any town of the  
15 first class, or, any town having a population of five thousand inhabit-  
16 ants or more, excepting any such town having a population of two hundred  
17 twenty-five thousand inhabitants or more, according to the latest feder-  
18 al census, in which one or more posts, camps or chapters of the Grand  
19 Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of  
20 Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc., the  
21 Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War Veterans of the  
22 United States, Incorporated, the Polish Legion of American Veterans,  
23 Inc., the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple Heart,  
24 Inc., the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, Amer-  
25 ican Veterans of World War II, Masonic War Veterans of the State of New  
26 York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the United States of America  
27 Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India Veterans Association,  
28 Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Amsterdam, N. Y., Inc.,  
29 Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Schenectady, N. Y., Inc., the  
30 Sons of Union Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, VETERANS OF MODERN  
31 WARFARE, INC., World War Veterans Club of Lindenhurst, Inc. or the East-  
32 ern Paralyzed Veterans Association exists, may appropriate annually an  
33 amount not to exceed five thousand dollars for such purpose, and any  
34 town having a population of two hundred twenty-five thousand inhabitants  
35 or more, according to the latest federal census, in which one or more  
36 such posts, camps or chapters exists may annually appropriate an amount  
37 not to exceed five thousand dollars for such purpose, and any town which  
38 has a population of five hundred thousand inhabitants or more, according  
39 to the latest federal census, in which one or more such posts, camps or  
40 chapters exists may annually appropriate an amount not to exceed ten  
41 thousand dollars for such purpose. Any moneys appropriated pursuant to  
42 the provisions of this subdivision shall be a general town charge,  
43 except that in any town having a population of two hundred twenty-five  
44 thousand inhabitants or more there shall be a charge on that portion of  
45 the town outside of any village therein and shall be assessed, levied  
46 and collected from real property outside of any such village. Such sum  
47 when collected shall be paid to the supervisor of such town and be  
48 disbursed by him in such manner as the town board of such town may  
49 direct upon vouchers properly receipted and audited by the town board of  
50 such town; except that in any town in which there may be a post, camp or  
51 chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veter-  
52 ans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans of the United  
53 States, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War  
54 Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, the Polish Legion of Ameri-  
55 can Veterans, Inc., the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the  
56 Purple Heart, Inc., the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans,

1 AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Masonic War Veterans of the  
2 State of New York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the United States of  
3 America Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India Veterans Associ-  
4 ation, Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Amsterdam, N. Y.,  
5 Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Schenectady, N. Y.,  
6 Inc., the Sons of Union Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, VETERANS  
7 OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., World War Veterans Club of Lindenhurst, Inc. or  
8 the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, in any such town, the  
9 commanders and quartermasters of such posts, camp or chapter may direct  
10 the manner and extent of such observance and the supervisor shall pay  
11 the expenses thereof upon the order or orders of the commander or quar-  
12 termaster of such post, camp or chapter, which orders shall be his  
13 vouchers for such payment, and in case there may be two or more posts,  
14 camps or chapters of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish  
15 War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans of  
16 the United States, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian  
17 American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, the Polish  
18 Legion of American Veterans, Inc., the Marine Corps League, the Military  
19 Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., the American Legion, the Disabled Amer-  
20 ican Veterans, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Masonic War  
21 Veterans of the State of New York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the  
22 United States of America Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India  
23 Veterans Association, Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II,  
24 Amsterdam, N. Y., Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Sche-  
25 nectady, N. Y., Inc., the Sons of Union Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of  
26 America, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., World War Veterans Club of  
27 Lindenhurst, Inc. or the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, in any  
28 such town, the commanders and quartermasters of such posts, camps or  
29 chapters by concurrent action, shall direct the supervisor of such town  
30 what proportion of such moneys so raised shall be expended by each of  
31 such posts, camps or chapters which proportion shall be paid by such  
32 supervisor upon the order or orders of the commander and quartermaster  
33 of each of such posts. In case there is a post, camp or chapter in a  
34 town adjoining a town in which no post, camp or chapter is located,  
35 whose membership includes at least three residents of such town having  
36 no post, camp or chapter, the post, camp or chapter shall appoint a  
37 committee of not less than three of its members who are residents of the  
38 said adjoining town in which the post, camp or chapter is not located,  
39 and the supervisor of said town shall pay the expenses of observance of  
40 Independence day, Memorial or Decoration day and Veterans day upon the  
41 order or orders of said committee or a majority thereof, which orders  
42 shall be his vouchers for such payment.

43 S 8. Subdivision 3 of section 24 of the military law, as amended by  
44 chapter 141 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

45 3. He is authorized to request and accept from incorporated associ-  
46 ations of veterans of the different regiments, statements and informa-  
47 tion duly authenticated by them, descriptive of their colors, standards  
48 and battle flags, together with the number and class of arms of the  
49 regiment, the date and place of muster into the service of the state and  
50 also into the service of the United States, the period of service, and  
51 the date and place of muster-out, the date of departure for the seat of  
52 war, and the various battles and engagements and places of service,  
53 including garrison duty, the time of joining brigades, corps and armies,  
54 with the time and nature of the service, and the names of colonels of  
55 such regiments, the names of those killed in action, including those who  
56 died of wounds, and the names of those who died of disease during their

1 period of service. He is further authorized to ask the cooperation and  
2 assistance of the adjutant-general of the United States, and of the  
3 city, county and town authorities and officials, and of the Grand Army  
4 of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the United  
5 Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
6 the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc. , the Catholic War  
7 Veterans, Inc. , the Italian American War Veterans of the United States,  
8 Incorporated, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Inc., VIETNAM  
9 VETERANS OF AMERICA, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC. and of other  
10 organizations and persons in the state of New York and elsewhere in the  
11 collection of such other information, relics, memorials and battle flags  
12 as is contemplated by this article, in order to make as complete as  
13 possible the records, history and statistics of the patriotic service of  
14 the soldiers of the state during the wars in which the state partic-  
15 ipated.

16 S 9. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 183 of the military law,  
17 as amended by chapter 141 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 b. On application of one or more posts or chapters of the United Span-  
20 ish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of  
21 the United States, the Disabled American Veterans, the AMVETS, American  
22 Veterans of World War II, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States,  
23 Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War Veterans  
24 of the United States, Incorporated, the Polish Legion of American Veter-  
25 ans, Inc., the Army and Navy Union of the United States of America,  
26 VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., posts of  
27 the Masonic War Veterans of the state of New York, Incorporated, or  
28 groups or squadrons of New York Wing, Civil Air Patrol, or of incorpo-  
29 rated associations of veterans of units of the organized militia, or one  
30 or more posts or chapters of organizations of sons of veterans of any  
31 war of the United States or of the Reserve Officers Association of the  
32 United States, or those historic military commands set forth in section  
33 two hundred forty-a of [the] this chapter, approved by the officer in  
34 charge and control of the armory, and by his military superiors as  
35 prescribed by regulations issued pursuant to this chapter and under such  
36 restrictions as may be prescribed by the adjutant general, the officer  
37 in charge and control of an armory shall provide a proper and convenient  
38 room or rooms or other appropriate space in such armory where such posts  
39 or chapters may hold regular and special meetings and organizational  
40 social events of a private nature without the payment of any charge or  
41 expense therefor, provided that such use does not interfere with the  
42 members and units of the organized militia stationed in such armory.

43 S 10. Subdivision 3 of section 168 of the social services law is  
44 amended by adding a new paragraph (v) to read as follows:

45 (V) VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC.

46 S 11. Subdivision 1 of section 137 of the general business law, as  
47 amended by chapter 531 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as  
48 follows:

49 1. Any person who wilfully wears, or attaches to any motor vehicle,  
50 the badge, insignia, rosette or the button of the Grand Army of the  
51 Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Military Order of the  
52 Loyal Legion of the United States or Military Order of Foreign Wars of  
53 the United States, or the badge or button of the United Spanish War  
54 Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Ameri-  
55 can Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the  
56 World War, the Army and Navy Union, U.S.A., or the Order of Patrons of

1 Husbandry, or the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United  
2 States of America, or the Steuben Society of America, or the Jewish War  
3 Veterans of the United States, Inc., or the Catholic War Veterans, Inc.,  
4 or the insignia or emblem of the Italian American War Veterans of the  
5 United States, Incorporated, or the insignia or emblem of the National  
6 Italo-American War Veterans, Inc., the insignia or emblem of the Polish  
7 Legion of American Veterans, Inc., or the insignia or emblem of the  
8 Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., or the insignia or emblem of  
9 any lodge, society or organization subordinate to or recognized as  
10 Masonic by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of  
11 New York, or the insignia or emblem of the Masonic War Veterans of the  
12 State of New York, Inc., or the insignia or emblem of the Order of the  
13 Eastern Star of the State of New York, or the badge, banner, insignia,  
14 button or emblem of any lodge, society or organization subordinate to or  
15 recognized as Pythian by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the  
16 State of New York, or the badge, insignia, button, tab, or chapeaux of  
17 La Societe des Forty Hommes et eight Chevaux or the Marine Corps League,  
18 or AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Air Force Association, or  
19 the insignia or emblem of the Knights of Columbus, or the badge, shield,  
20 emblem or name of the Police Conference of New York, Inc., or the badge,  
21 shield, emblem or name of the New York State Association of Chiefs of  
22 Police, or the shield of the Westchester County Police Conference or the  
23 badge, shield, emblem or name of the New York State Fire Fighters Asso-  
24 ciation, or the badge, shield, emblem or name of the Policemen's Benevo-  
25 lent Association of Westchester County, Inc., or the badge, shield,  
26 emblem or name of the Metropolitan Police Conference of Eastern New  
27 York, Inc., or the badge, shield, emblem or name of the Nassau Police  
28 Conference, Inc., or the badge, shield, emblem or name of the Interna-  
29 tional Veterans Boxers Association, or the badge, shield, emblem, insig-  
30 nia or name of the Grand council of Guardians, Inc., or the badge,  
31 shield, emblem or name of the New York Veteran Police Association, or  
32 the insignia, emblem, badge, banner, button of Grand Lodge of the State  
33 of New York, Order Sons of Italy in America, Incorporated, or any subor-  
34 dinate Lodge or Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Order Sons of  
35 Italy in America, Incorporated, or the insignia, emblem, badge, banner,  
36 button of Ladies' Lodges, Grand Lodge of the State of New York, Order  
37 Sons of Italy in America, Incorporated, or the badge, banner, insignia,  
38 button or emblem of any clan of the United Scottish Clans of New York  
39 and New Jersey, or the insignia, emblem, badge, banner or button of The  
40 Ladies Auxiliary, Italian American War Veterans of the United States,  
41 Incorporated, or the Civil Air Patrol, Inc., or the insignia, emblem,  
42 badge, banner or button of the Order of the American Hellenic Educa-  
43 tional Progressive Association, Incorporated, or the insignia, emblem,  
44 badge, banner or button of the Polish Legion of American Veterans or  
45 Ladies Auxiliary of Polish Legion of American Veterans, or the insignia,  
46 emblem, badge, banner, or button of the Veterans of World War I of the  
47 United States of America Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India  
48 Veterans Association, Inc., Polish - American Veterans of World War II,  
49 Amsterdam, N. Y., Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, Sche-  
50 nectady, N. Y., Inc., World War Veterans Club of Lindenhurst, Inc., the  
51 Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, the Vietnam Veterans of America,  
52 VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC., the Army and Navy Union of the United  
53 States, the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., Regular Veterans Associ-  
54 ation, Inc., the 369th Veterans Association, Inc., the Tri-County Coun-  
55 cil of Vietnam Veterans, the National Congress of Puerto Rican Veterans,  
56 or the Fleet Reserve Association, or the badge, insignia, rosette or

1 button of any society, order or organization of ten years standing in  
2 the state of New York, or uses the same, or the name of any such socie-  
3 ty, order or organization by falsely representing himself to be a member  
4 thereof in good standing, to obtain, or in attempting to obtain, aid or  
5 assistance within the state, or wilfully uses the names of any such  
6 society, order or organization, or the titles of its officers, or uses  
7 its insignia or emblems, or the forms or designs thereof, or its ritual  
8 or ceremonies unless entitled to use or wear the same under the consti-  
9 tution and by-laws, rules, and regulations of such order or of such  
10 society, order or organization, is guilty of a violation punishable by a  
11 fine not to exceed one hundred dollars.

12 S 12. Subdivision 1 of section 452 of the real property tax law, as  
13 amended by chapter 610 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 1. Real property owned by a corporation, association or post composed  
16 of veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
17 Disabled American Veterans, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Jewish  
18 War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Catholic War Veterans, Inc.,  
19 the American Legion, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Italian  
20 American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, Masonic War  
21 Veterans of the State of New York, Incorporated, VIETNAM VETERANS OF  
22 AMERICA, VETERANS OF MODERN WARFARE, INC. and any other corporation or  
23 association of veterans of the armed forces of the United States in any  
24 war, actually and exclusively used and occupied by such corporation,  
25 association or post shall be exempt from taxation and exempt from  
26 special ad valorem levies and special assessments to the extent provided  
27 in section four hundred ninety of this chapter.

28 S 13. This act shall take effect immediately.