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Introduced by M. of A. CASTELLI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to granting academic credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to veterans

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-e to read as follows:

S 669-E. COURSE CREDIT FOR VETERANS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON, MALE OR FEMALE, RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DURING A WAR IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED AND WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM SUCH SERVICE BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN BY DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, OR WHO HAS BEEN FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.

2. EVERY VETERAN WHO IS ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING, AT AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, SHALL UPON APPLICATION BE GRANTED UP TO SIX ACADEMIC CREDITS PER YEAR AND SIXTY CREDITS IN THE AGGREGATE TOWARDS HIS OR HER DEGREE FOR COMPLETION OF COURSES THAT WERE PART OF SUCH VETERAN'S MILITARY TRAINING OR SERVICE IF THE COMPLETED COURSES MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE AWARDING OF ACADEMIC CREDITS. NO FEE, TUITION OR OTHER CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST A VETERAN WHO QUALIFIES FOR SUCH CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

3. THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ADOPT SUCH PROCEDURES AS ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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