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Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN, CASTRO, COLTON, COOK, DenDEKKER, FIELDS, GUNTHER, KOON, LANCMAN, MAISEL, MARKEY, PERRY, PHEFFER, ROBINSON, SCHROEDER, SPANO, STIRPE, TITONE, TOWNS, ZEBROWSKI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARRON, GOTTFRIED, JACOBS, McENENY, SCARBOROUGH, SWEENEY, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education -- recommitted to the Committee on Higher Education in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the veterans tuition awards program

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the educa-
2 tion law, as added by section 2 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of
3 2008, is amended to read as follows:
4 d. "Other eligible [combat] veteran" means: an individual who (i) is a
5 resident of this state, (ii) served in the armed forces of the United
6 States [in] DURING hostilities that occurred after February twenty-
7 eighth, nineteen hundred sixty-one, [as evidenced by their receipt of an
8 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine
9 Corps Expeditionary Medal,] and (iii) was discharged under honorable
10 conditions, including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge
11 under honorable conditions, or general discharge.
12 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 669-a of the education
13 law, as amended by section 3 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of
14 2008, is amended to read as follows:
15 a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghan-
16 istan and other eligible [combat] veterans, as defined in subdivision
17 one of this section, who are enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdi-
18 vision four of section six hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved

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

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1 undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions or
2 enrolled in approved vocational training programs and who apply for a
3 tuition assistance program award pursuant to section six hundred sixty-
4 seven of this subpart.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
6 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.