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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to increasing the annuity of blind veterans or spouses of deceased blind veterans

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

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 362 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 251 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

a. Any veteran as defined in this article who has been or is hereafter classified by the New York State commission for the visually handicapped as a blind person as defined in section three of chapter four hundred fifteen of the laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, as amended, and continues to be a blind person within the meaning of that section, shall, upon application to the director of the division of veterans' affairs, be paid out of the treasury of the state for such term as such veteran shall be entitled thereto under the provisions of this article, the sum of one thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars annually, plus any applicable annual adjustment, as provided in this section.

S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 362 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 251 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

a. The unremarried spouse of a veteran who heretofore has died or the unremarried spouse of a veteran dying hereafter, such veteran being at the time of her or his death a recipient of, or eligible for, the benefits above provided, shall, upon application to the director of veterans' affairs, also be paid out of the treasury of the state the sum of one thousand FIVE HUNDRED dollars annually, plus any applicable annual adjustment, for such term as such unremarried spouse shall be entitled thereto under the provisions of this article.

S 3. 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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