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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the veteran's alternative exemption

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 458-a of the real property tax law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 899 of the laws of 1985, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2004, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 100 of the laws of 1988, paragraph (d) as added by chapter 525 of the laws of 1984, and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 256 of the laws of 2005, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed [twelve] FIFTEEN thousand dollars or the product of [twelve] FIFTEEN thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.

(b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, or the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed [eight] TEN thousand dollars or the product of [eight] TEN thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate

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

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for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ratio, whichever is less.

(c) In addition to the exemptions provided by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, where the veteran received a compensation rating from the United States veteran's administration or from the United States department of defense because of a service connected disability, qualifying residential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of the product of the assessed value of such property multiplied by fifty percent of the veteran's disability rating; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed [forty] FIFTY thousand dollars or the product of [forty] FIFTY thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less. For purposes of this paragraph, where a person who served in the active military, naval or air service during a period of war died in service of a service connected disability, such person shall be deemed to have been assigned a compensation rating of one hundred percent.

(d) Limitations. (i) The exemption from taxation provided by this subdivision shall be applicable to county, city, town and village taxation, but shall not be applicable to taxes levied for school purposes.

(ii) Each county, city, town or village may adopt a local law to reduce the maximum exemption allowable in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision to TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, RESPECTIVELY OR nine thousand dollars, six thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, respectively, or six thousand dollars, four thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, respectively. Each county, city, town, or village is also authorized to adopt a local law to increase the maximum exemption allowable in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision to fifteen thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, respectively; eighteen thousand dollars, twelve thousand dollars and sixty thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-one thousand dollars, fourteen thousand dollars, and seventy thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-four thousand dollars, sixteen thousand dollars, and eighty thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-seven thousand dollars, eighteen thousand dollars, and ninety thousand dollars, respectively; thirty thousand dollars, twenty thousand dollars, and one hundred thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-three thousand dollars, twenty-two thousand dollars, and one hundred ten thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-six thousand dollars, twenty-four thousand dollars, and one hundred twenty thousand dollars, respectively. In addition, a county, city, town or village which is a "high-appreciation municipality" as defined in this subparagraph is authorized to adopt a local law to increase the maximum exemption allowable in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this subdivision to thirty-nine thousand dollars, twenty-six thousand dollars, and one hundred thirty thousand dollars, respectively; forty-two thousand dollars, twenty-eight thousand dollars, and one hundred forty thousand dollars, respectively; forty-five thousand dollars, thirty thousand dollars and one hundred fifty thousand dollars, respectively; forty-eight thousand dollars, thirty-two thousand dollars and one hundred sixty thousand dollars, respectively; fifty-one thousand dollars, thirty-four thousand dollars and one hundred seventy thousand dollars, respectively; fifty-four thousand dollars, thirty-six thousand dollars and one hundred eighty thousand dollars, respectively. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "high-appreciation municipality" means: (A) a special assessing unit that is a city, (B) a county for which the state board has established a sales price differential factor

for purposes of the STAR exemption authorized by section four hundred twenty-five of this title in three consecutive years, and (C) a city, town or village which is wholly or partly located within such a county.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxes levied on assessment rolls completed on and after July 1, 2002.