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AN ACT to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to including the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary as a club

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

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 3 of the alcoholic beverage control law, as amended by chapter 575 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

9. "Club" shall mean an organization of persons incorporated pursuant to the provisions of the not-for-profit corporation law or the benevolent orders law, which is the owner, lessee or occupant of a building used exclusively for club purposes, and which does not traffic in alcoholic beverages for profit and is operated solely for a recreational, social, patriotic, political, benevolent or athletic purpose but not for pecuniary gain; except that where such club is located in an office or business building, or state armory, it may be licensed as such provided it otherwise qualifies as a "club" within the meaning of this subdivision. A "luncheon club" shall mean a club which is open only on week days during the hours between eleven o'clock in the morning and three o'clock in the afternoon. A "member" of a club shall mean a person who whether a charter member or admitted in agreement with the by-laws of the club, has become a bona fide member thereof, who maintains his or her membership by the payment of his or her annual dues in a bona fide manner in accordance with the by-laws and whose name and address is entered on the list of members; or in the case of a veterans club where a person has in his or her possession an identification card indicating his or her membership in the national veterans' organization with which the club at which he or she is present is affiliated. For the purposes of this section a veterans club shall include but not be limited to the

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

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Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Inc., the Catholic War Veterans, Inc., the Italian American War Veterans of the United States, Incorporated, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Inc., the Marine Corps League, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc., the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II, Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York, Inc., Veterans of World War I of the United States of America Department of New York, Inc., China-Burma-India Veterans Association, Inc., Polish-American Veterans of World War II, the Sons of Union Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, [or] the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OR THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. In the case of a chapter or lodge of a not-for-profit corporation or a benevolent order qualifying as an organization described in section 501(c)(8) or 501(c)(10) of the United States internal revenue code, a member of another chapter or lodge of such not-for-profit corporation or benevolent order who has in his or her possession an identification card or other proof of membership shall be deemed to be a member. A club and a luncheon club shall appoint an alcoholic beverage officer from among its members who shall be responsible for filing all applications and other documents required to be submitted to the authority. The person appointed alcoholic beverage officer shall be subject to approval by the authority.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.