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Introduced by M. of A. McDONOUGH, RAIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to creating a fee remission program for 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. FEE REMISSION FOR VETERANS. 1. THE CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED, WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED OR OTHERWISE LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, TO ESTABLISH A FEE REMISSION FOR VETERANS.

2. 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 OTHERWISE THAN BY DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE, OR WHO HAS BEEN FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.

3. (A) THE CORPORATION SHALL GRANT FULL REMISSION OF TUITION, ACADEMIC FEES AND SEGREGATED FEES CHARGED FOR ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT CREDITS OR EIGHT SEMESTERS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, LESS THE AMOUNT OF ANY ACADEMIC FEES OR SEGREGATED FEES PAID UNDER 10 USC 2107(C) OR 38 USC 3104(A)(7)(A), TO ANY STUDENT WHO IS A VETERAN. THIS REMISSION OF TUITION AND FEES SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO ANY SCHOOL WITHIN THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK OR CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SYSTEMS.

(B) THE AMOUNT OF TUITION REMISSION GRANTED IN ANY SEMESTER OR TERM FOR AN ELIGIBLE PERSON MUST BE DETERMINED BY SUBTRACTING FROM THE ELIGIBLE PERSON COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THAT ELIGIBLE PUBLIC INSTITUTION, THE AMOUNT RECEIVED IN THAT SEMESTER OR TERM BY THAT PERSON FROM:

(I) THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT;

(II) THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM; AND

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

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(III) ANY FEDERAL MILITARY OR VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL, GI BILL KICKER, THE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS, AND ANY OTHER FEDERAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PERSON'S STATUS AS A VETERAN, EXCEPT VETERANS' DISABILITY PAYMENTS FROM THE UNITED STATES VETERANS ADMINISTRATION OR ANY SUCCESSOR AGENCY.

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