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AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to providing for the "Campaign Medal for Service" to be granted to those who provided military service in Iraq

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

1 Section 1. Section 247 of the military law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 1-b to read as follows:
3 1-B. THE GOVERNOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT IN THE NAME OF THE
4 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, A MILITARY DECORATION, TO BE KNOWN
5 AS THE "CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR SERVICE", BEARING A SUITABLE INSCRIPTION,
6 DEVICE, AND RIBBON, ALL OF WHICH SHALL BE OF SUITABLE DESIGN, TO ANY
7 PERSON (I) WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR (II) WHO WAS A
8 CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF
9 THE UNITED STATES, AND WHO, WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED
10 FORCES, DEFINED AS ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD,
11 SERVED IN ACTIVE DUTY IN IRAQ. NOT MORE THAN ONE CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR
12 SERVICE SHALL BE ISSUED TO ANY ONE PERSON; NOR SHALL ANY CITATION BE
13 AWARDED OR PRESENTED, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION, TO ANY
14 PERSON WHOSE ENTIRE SERVICE SUBSEQUENT TO THE TIME OF THE RECEIPT OF
15 SUCH MEDAL SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN HONORABLE. FOR EACH SUCCEEDING MEDAL AS
16 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO WEAR, AS THE
17 CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE STATE MAY DIRECT, A RIBBON WHOSE COLOR AND DESIGN
18 SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. IN THE EVENT OF
19 THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON DURING OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECEIPT OF SUCH
20 CITATION THE CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR SERVICE SHALL BE PRESENTED TO SUCH
21 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED AS MAY BE DESIGNATED. THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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

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1 SHALL MAKE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE
2 PROPER PRESENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH DECORATIONS.

3 S 2. Subdivision 1-a of section 247 of the military law, as added by
4 chapter 184 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

5 1-a. The governor is hereby authorized to present in the name of the
6 legislature of the state of New York, a military decoration, to be known
7 as the "conspicuous service star", bearing a suitable inscription,
8 device, and ribbon, all of which shall be of suitable design, to any
9 person (i) who is a citizen of the state of New York or (ii) who was a
10 citizen of the state of New York while serving in the armed forces of
11 the United States, and who, while serving in the United States Armed
12 Forces, defined as army, air force, navy, marine corps, or coast guard,
13 has, or shall have received a United States unit level decoration denot-
14 ing combat participation and foreign unit awards, issued from a company,
15 regimental, brigade, or division commander, or equivalent naval unit, or
16 issued by the President of the United States, the Congress of the United
17 States, the United States Defense Department or the joint chiefs of
18 staff, such as, but not limited to, a presidential unit citation or a
19 joint meritorious unit award. Not more than one conspicuous service star
20 shall be issued to any one person; nor shall any citation be awarded or
21 presented, under the provisions of this subdivision, to any person whose
22 entire service subsequent to the time of the receipt of such star shall
23 not have been honorable. For each succeeding star as provided [herein]
24 IN THIS SUBDIVISION, such person shall be entitled to wear, as the chief
25 of staff of the state may direct, a ribbon whose color and design shall
26 be selected by the division of [military] MILITARY affairs. In the event
27 of the death of any person during or subsequent to the receipt of such
28 citation the conspicuous service star shall be presented to such repre-
29 sentative of the deceased as may be designated. The chief of staff shall
30 make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the prop-
31 er presentation and distribution of such decorations.

32 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.