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AN ACT to amend the executive law, the public health law and the tax law, in relation to providing certain benefits to veterans; and to amend the social services law and the correction law, in relation to requiring certain reports relating to veterans

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

1 Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding two  
2 new subdivisions 20 and 21 to read as follows:

3 20. TO DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ANY  
4 OTHER PRIVATE OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS, A PROGRAM FOR THE IDEN-  
5 TIFICATION, DIAGNOSIS, COUNSELING AND TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO SUFFER  
6 FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND BRAIN-RELATED INJURIES. SUCH  
7 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING VETERANS WHO MAY NEED  
8 ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION AND OUTREACH TO MAKE VETERANS AWARE OF AVAIL-  
9 ABLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

10 21. TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND HEALTH RELATED  
11 BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

12 S 2. The executive law is amended by adding two new sections 353-a and  
13 353-b to read as follows:

14 S 353-A. REPORTING ON SUICIDE RATES OF VETERANS. THE DIVISION, BY AND  
15 THROUGH THE STATE DIRECTOR OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE,  
16 SHALL ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING RATES OF SUICIDE  
17 AMONG VETERANS. SUCH REPORT SHALL STUDY THE INCIDENCE OF DEATHS  
18 REPORTED AS SUICIDES AMONG VETERANS IN THIS STATE. IT SHALL BE  
19 COMPLETED ANNUALLY AND SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGIS-  
20 LATURE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL DETERMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHALL  
21 BE MADE A PART OF SUCH REPORT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, NON-CLASSI-  
22 FIED INFORMATION RELATING TO THE SERVICE OF SUCH VETERANS, PREVIOUS

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

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1 MEDICAL HISTORY, LENGTH AND TYPE OF SERVICE AND ANY OTHER FACTORS WHICH  
2 MAY BE RELEVANT TO THE INCIDENCE OF SUICIDE AMONG VETERANS.

3 S 353-B. REPORTING ON RATES OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS. THE DIVI-  
4 SION, BY AND THROUGH THE STATE DIRECTOR OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
5 OR EMPLOYEE, SHALL ESTABLISH PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING  
6 RATES OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS. SUCH REPORT SHALL STUDY THE INCI-  
7 DENCE OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS IN THIS STATE. IT SHALL BE  
8 COMPLETED ANNUALLY AND SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGIS-  
9 LATURE. SUCH STUDY SHALL PROVIDE INFORMATION GATHERED FROM LOCAL SOCIAL  
10 SERVICES DISTRICTS AND SHELTERS RUN BY NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.  
11 SUCH REPORT MAY ALSO INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE  
12 INCIDENCE OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS AND ANY PROGRAMS CURRENTLY  
13 SERVING SUCH POPULATION SPECIFICALLY.

14 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 3803 of the public health law, as  
15 amended by chapter 743 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 1. There is hereby created within the department the veterans health  
18 care information program (referred to in this section as the "program"),  
19 which shall provide information on health issues associated with mili-  
20 tary duty, including but not limited to Agent Orange, Gulf War  
21 Syndromes, toxic materials or harmful physical agents such as, depleted  
22 uranium, and hepatitis C, AND SPECIFIC MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ISSUES  
23 INCLUDING POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND BRAIN-RELATED INJURIES, for  
24 veterans, their surviving spouses and health care providers.

25 S 4. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 31 to read as  
26 follows:

27 S 31. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOW-  
28 ANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER ARTICLE NINE, NINE-A,  
29 TWENTY-TWO, THIRTY-TWO OR THIRTY-THREE OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE ALLOWED  
30 A CREDIT AGAINST SUCH TAX IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ANY COMPENSATION WHICH  
31 IS PAID TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OR OF  
32 RESERVE FORCES OR RESERVE COMPONENTS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED  
33 STATES WHILE SUCH EMPLOYEE IS ON ACTIVE DUTY AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN  
34 THE MILITARY LAW.

35 (B) A TAXPAYER WISHING TO CLAIM A CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
36 ANNUALLY CERTIFY TO THE COMMISSIONER, ON FORMS SUPPLIED BY THE COMMIS-  
37 SIONER, AMOUNTS PAID TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY.

38 (C) CROSS-REFERENCES. FOR APPLICATION OF THE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR IN  
39 THIS SECTION, SEE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER:

- 40 (1) ARTICLE 9: SECTION 187-O.
- 41 (2) ARTICLE 9-A: SECTION 210: SUBDIVISION 41.
- 42 (3) ARTICLE 22: SECTION 606: SUBSECTION (QQ).
- 43 (4) ARTICLE 32: SECTION 1456: SUBSECTION (U).
- 44 (5) ARTICLE 33: SECTION 1511: SUBDIVISION (Y).

45 S 5. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 187-o to read as  
46 follows:

47 S 187-O. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT. 1.  
48 ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE  
49 COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION THIRTY-ONE OF THIS  
50 CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.

51 2. APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE CREDIT UNDER THIS  
52 SECTION BE ALLOWED IN AN AMOUNT WHICH WILL REDUCE THE TAX PAYABLE TO  
53 LESS THAN THE APPLICABLE MINIMUM TAX FIXED BY SECTION ONE HUNDRED EIGHT-  
54 Y-THREE OR ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE. IF, HOWEVER, THE  
55 AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
56 REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN

1 SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE  
2 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND  
3 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF  
4 SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER  
5 NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

6 S 6. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
7 41 to read as follows:

8 41. NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOW-  
9 ANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS  
10 PROVIDED IN SECTION THIRTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED  
11 BY THIS ARTICLE.

12 (B) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
13 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
14 THAN THE HIGHER AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.  
15 HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY  
16 TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS  
17 NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT  
18 OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
19 SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE  
20 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF  
21 THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

22 S 7. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection  
23 (qq) to read as follows:

24 (QQ) NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOW-  
25 ANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS  
26 PROVIDED IN SECTION THIRTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED  
27 BY THIS ARTICLE.

28 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER  
29 THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR  
30 SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE  
31 CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX  
32 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST  
33 SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

34 S 8. Section 1456 of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
35 subsection (u) to read as follows:

36 (U) NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATING TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOW-  
37 ANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS  
38 PROVIDED IN SECTION THIRTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED  
39 BY THIS ARTICLE.

40 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
41 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
42 THAN THE MINIMUM TAX FIXED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION FOURTEEN HUNDRED  
43 FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE. HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED  
44 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH  
45 AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR  
46 SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN  
47 ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF  
48 THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF  
49 SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO  
50 INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

51 S 9. Section 1511 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
52 sion (y) to read as follows:

53 (Y) NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVIST COMPENSATION TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOW-  
54 ANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS  
55 PROVIDED IN SECTION THIRTY-ONE OF THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED  
56 BY THIS ARTICLE.

1 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
 2 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
 3 THAN THE MINIMUM FIXED BY PARAGRAPH FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION  
 4 FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWO OR SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS ARTICLE.  
 5 HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY  
 6 TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS  
 7 NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT  
 8 OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
 9 SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE  
 10 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF  
 11 THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

12 S 10. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606  
 13 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxi) to read as  
 14 follows:

15 (XXXI) CREDIT FOR NATIONAL	AMOUNT OF CREDIT UNDER
16 GUARD AND RESERVATION	SUBDIVISION FORTY-ONE OF
17 COMPENSATION UNDER	SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN
18 SUBSECTION (QQ)	OR UNDER SUBSECTION (U)
19	OF SECTION FOURTEEN
20	HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX

21 S 11. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
 22 subdivision 12 to read as follows:

23 12. THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSIST-  
 24 ANCE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE, NOT LATER THAN  
 25 DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST OF EACH YEAR, DETAILING THE NUMBER OF MILITARY  
 26 VETERANS AND FAMILIES OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED FOR  
 27 ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE IN  
 28 RECEIPT OF FOOD STAMPS OR ARE PARTICIPATING IN A FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
 29 UNDER THIS SECTION.

30 S 12. Section 71 of the correction law is amended by adding a new  
 31 subdivision 8 to read as follows:

32 8. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER THE  
 33 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBDIVISION, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, DETERMINE  
 34 AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE NUMBER OF INMATES CURRENTLY IN THE  
 35 CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING PERSONS SERVING SENTENCES IN ANY  
 36 LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, WHO ARE VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE  
 37 UNITED STATES. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP RULES AND REGULATIONS TO  
 38 PROVIDE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF VETERANS UPON COMMITMENT OF SUCH  
 39 PERSONS TO THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT.

40 S 13. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections  
 41 four through ten of this act shall apply to taxable years beginning on  
 42 or after January 1, 2010.