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AN ACT to amend chapter 547 of the laws of 1947, relating to providing for the payment of bonuses to members of the armed forces of the United States from this state, in relation to payment of such bonuses to members of the merchant marines who served in World War II or their next of kin

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

1     Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 547 of the laws of 1947, relating to  
2     providing for the payment of bonuses to members of the armed forces of  
3     the United States from this state, is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
4     sion (g) to read as follows:  
5     (G) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, THIS SUBDI-  
6     VISION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL MARCH 31, 2010 AND NO BONUS PAYMENT  
7     SHALL BE MADE ON APPLICATIONS FILED SUBSEQUENT TO SUCH DATE BY ANY  
8     PERSON QUALIFIED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION, UNLESS SUCH PERSON CAN PROVE  
9     THAT EITHER HE OR SHE WAS INCAPABLE OF MAKING SUCH APPLICATION PRIOR TO  
10    SUCH DATE BECAUSE OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INCAPACITY. ANY MEMBER OF THE  
11    MERCHANT MARINES WHO SERVED AT SEA AT ANY TIME DURING THE PERIOD FROM  
12    DECEMBER 7, 1941 TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1945, BOTH INCLUSIVE, WHO WAS A RESI-  
13    DENT OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO SUCH SERVICE SHALL  
14    BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A WAR BONUS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY  
15    DOLLARS. IN THE EVENT SUCH MEMBER IS DECEASED, SUCH BONUS SHALL BE PAYA-  
16    BLE TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF SUCH MEMBER. THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
17    IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE BONUS PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION AFTER MARCH  
18    31, 2010 ON APPLICATIONS RECEIVED OR PENDING ON OR BEFORE SUCH DATE. ANY  
19    INCONSISTENT PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER OR OTHER GENERAL OR SPECIAL LAW  
20    NOTWITHSTANDING, PAYMENTS OF WAR BONUS CLAIMS AFTER MARCH 31, 2010 SHALL  
21    BE MADE FROM FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR  
22    THIS PURPOSE FROM THE STATE PURPOSES FUND PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND OF  
23    THE STATE.  
24    S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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