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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the veterans tuition awards program

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

- 1 Section 1. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the educa-
2 tion law, as added by section 2 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of
3 2008, is amended to read as follows:
4 d. "Other eligible [combat] veteran" means: an individual who (i) is a
5 resident of this state, (ii) served in the armed forces of the United
6 States in hostilities that occurred after February twenty-eighth, nine-
7 teen hundred sixty-one, [as evidenced by their receipt of an Armed Forc-
8 es Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine Corps Exped-
9 itionary Medal,] and (iii) was discharged under honorable conditions,
10 including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge under honor-
11 able conditions, or general discharge.
12 S 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 669-a of the education
13 law, as amended by section 3 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of
14 2008, is amended to read as follows:
15 a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghan-
16 istan and other eligible [combat] veterans, as defined in subdivision
17 one of this section, who are enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdivi-
18 sion four of section six hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved
19 undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions or
20 enrolled in approved vocational training programs and who apply for a
21 tuition assistance program award pursuant to section six hundred sixty-
22 seven of this subpart.
23 S 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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

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