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## 2011-2012 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

## January 6, 2011

Introduced by Sens. ADDABBO, HUNTLEY -- 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:

Section 1. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education law, as added by section 2 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

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- d. "Other eligible [combat] veteran" means: an individual who (i) is a resident of this state, (ii) served in the armed forces of the United States [in] DURING hostilities that occurred after February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred sixty-one, [as evidenced by their receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal,] and (iii) was discharged under honorable conditions, including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge under honorable 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:
  - a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan and other eligible [combat] veterans, as defined in subdivision one of this section, who are enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision four of section six hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions or enrolled in approved vocational training programs and who apply for a tuition assistance program award pursuant to section six hundred sixty-seven of this subpart.
- 23 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of September next 24 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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