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Introduced by Sen. SMITH -- 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 military law, in relation to allowing certain veterans to ride public transportation free of charge

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

Section 1. The military law is amended by adding a new section 245-a to read as follows:

S 245-A. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; CERTAIN WAR VETERANS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW OR THE TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT, A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS A HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBER OF ANY BRANCH OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO PERFORMED MILITARY SERVICE DURING A PERIOD OF WAR SHALL BE ENTITLED, FOR THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS OR HER RETURN TO THIS STATE FROM SUCH MILITARY SERVICE, TO RIDE FREE OF CHARGE ON EVERY TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER IN THIS STATE. THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER" SHALL MEAN ANY PUBLIC, PRIVATE OR NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITY UTILIZING PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROVIDE OR CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC OR SPECIFIC CLIENT GROUPS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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