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AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to veterans and competitive civil service exam points

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil  
2 service law, as amended by chapter 333 of the laws of 1993, is amended  
3 to read as follows:  
4     (a) The terms "veteran" and "non-disabled veteran" mean:  
5     (1) a member of the armed forces of the United States who served ther-  
6 ein in time of war, who was honorably discharged or released under  
7 honorable circumstances from such service, who is a citizen of the  
8 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in  
9 the United States and who is a resident of the state of New York at the  
10 time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of  
11 retention, as the case may be; OR  
12     (2) A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO WAS HONOR-  
13 ABLY DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM SUCH  
14 SERVICE, WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OR AN ALIEN LAWFULLY  
15 ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES, WHO IS A RESIDENT  
16 OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OR  
17 PROMOTION OR AT THE TIME OF RETENTION, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND WHO WAS

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

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1 AWARDED EITHER A: (I) COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, (II) COMBAT INFANTRYMAN  
2 BADGE, (III) COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE, (IV) COMBAT ACTION BADGE, (V) COMBAT  
3 RECOGNITION RIBBON, (VI) AIR FORCE COMBAT ACTION MEDAL, OR (VII) PURPLE  
4 HEART.

5 S 2. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 85  
6 of the civil service law, as added by chapter 790 of the laws of 1958,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (1) Disabled veterans shall be entitled to receive ten points addi-  
9 tional CREDIT in a competitive examination for original appointment and  
10 five points additional credit in a competitive examination for  
11 promotion, and

12 S 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil service  
13 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 4 to read as follows:

14 (4) A VETERAN WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES VETERANS' ADMINIS-  
15 TRATION OR A MILITARY DEPARTMENT AS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE DISABILITY  
16 PAYMENTS UPON CERTIFICATION OF SUCH VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION OR A MILI-  
17 TARY DEPARTMENT FOR A DISABILITY INCURRED BY HIM OR HER IN THE COURSE OF  
18 HIS OR HER TIME OF SERVICE AND IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION  
19 FOR APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION OR AT THE TIME OF RETENTION, AS THE CASE  
20 MAY BE, AND WHO WAS AWARDED EITHER A: (I) COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, (II)  
21 COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE, (III) COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE, (IV) COMBAT ACTION  
22 BADGE, (V) COMBAT RECOGNITION RIBBON, (VI) AIR FORCE COMBAT ACTION  
23 MEDAL, OR (VII) PURPLE HEART.

24 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.