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Introduced by Sen. MARTINS -- 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 real property tax law, in relation to authorizing the commissioner of taxation and finance to develop in consultation with the director of the New York state division of veterans' affairs a listing of documents to be used to establish veterans' eligibility for certain property tax exemptions

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

1     Section 1. Section 458 of the real property tax law is amended by  
2     adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:  
3     10. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR  
4     OF THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS A LISTING OF DOCU-  
5     MENTS TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING  
6     BUT NOT LIMITED TO A CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE  
7     DUTY ALSO KNOWN AS A DD-214 FORM OR AN HONORABLE SERVICE  
8     CERTIFICATE/REPORT OF CAUSALITY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. SUCH  
9     INFORMATION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR  
10    VILLAGE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, OR CONGRESSIONAL CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE  
11    OFFICERS WHO REQUEST SUCH INFORMATION. THE LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE MILI-  
12    TARY RECORDS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITES OF THE  
13    DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AND THE OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX  
14    SERVICES.  
15    S 2. Section 458-a of the real property tax law is amended by adding a  
16    new subdivision 9 to read as follows:  
17    9. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF  
18    THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS A LISTING OF DOCUMENTS  
19    TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BUT  
20    NOT LIMITED TO A CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY  
21    ALSO KNOWN AS A DD-214 FORM OR AN HONORABLE SERVICE CERTIFICATE/REPORT

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

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2 MADE AVAILABLE TO EACH COUNTY, CITY, TOWN OR VILLAGE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,  
3 OR CONGRESSIONAL CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS WHO REQUEST SUCH  
4 INFORMATION. THE LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE MILITARY RECORDS SHALL BE MADE  
5 AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITES OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
6 AND THE OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES.

7 S 3. Section 458-b of the real property tax law is amended by adding a  
8 new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

9 8. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DEVELOP IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF  
10 THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS A LISTING OF DOCUMENTS  
11 TO BE USED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BUT  
12 NOT LIMITED TO A CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY  
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16 OR CONGRESSIONAL CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS WHO REQUEST SUCH  
17 INFORMATION. THE LISTING OF ACCEPTABLE MILITARY RECORDS SHALL BE MADE  
18 AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET WEBSITES OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
19 AND THE OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES.

20 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
21 it shall have become a law; provided that, effective immediately, the  
22 commissioner of the department of taxation and finance and the director  
23 of the New York state division of veterans' affairs are authorized and  
24 directed to promulgate and implement any rules and regulations necessary  
25 for the implementation of the provisions of this act on or before its  
26 effective date.