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Introduced by Sen. LARKIN -- 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 legislative law, in relation to establishing a giving internships for disabled veterans not fully employed program (G.I.V.E. Back NY)

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new article 6-B to read as follows:

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S 97. GIVING INTERNSHIPS FOR DISABLED VETERANS NOT FULLY EMPLOYED PROGRAM (G.I.V.E. BACK NY). 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE LEGISLATURE A G.I.V.E. BACK NY PROGRAM TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROGRAM AND THE SENATE STUDENT PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL AWARD TEN PERCENT OF AVAILABLE INTERNSHIPS IN THE ASSEMBLY YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROGRAM AND THE SENATE STUDENT PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES. VETERANS WHO ARE AWARDED INTERNSHIPS PURSUANT TO THE G.I.V.E. BACK NY PROGRAM SHALL RECEIVE A STIPEND THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO THE STIPEND AWARDED TO GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANTS IN THE ASSEMBLY YOUTH PARTICIPATION PROGRAM AND SENATE STUDENT PROGRAM FOR A ONE SEMESTER INTERNSHIP.

2. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE G.I.V.E. BACK NY PROGRAM, A CANDIDATE SHALL:

(A) BE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES AS DETERMINED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE;

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

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(B) BE UNEMPLOYED OR UNDEREMPLOYED;

(C) HAVE DEMONSTRATED AN INTEREST IN FUTURE EMPLOYMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE, GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC POLICY; AND

(D) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE G.I.V.E. BACK NY PROGRAM TO THE SENATE OR ASSEMBLY. SUCH APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE IN A MANNER AND FORM AS DETERMINED BY THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY.

3. IN AN EFFORT TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE G.I.V.E. BACK NY PROGRAM, THE ASSEMBLY INTERN OFFICE AND THE SENATE INTERN OFFICE SHALL COORDINATE WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICES AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY AND RECRUIT ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.