AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to leaves of absence for lawful cause

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

1. Section 1. Section 242 of the military law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3-b to read as follows:

   3-B. LEAVE OF ABSENCE WHILE RECOVERING FROM SICKNESS, WOUNDS, OR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSE. EVERY PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO IS OR BECOMES A MEMBER OF ANY FORCE OF THE ORGANIZED MILITIA OR OF ANY RESERVE FORCE OR RESERVE COMPONENT OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ABSENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM HIS OR HER DUTIES AND SERVICE AS SUCH PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A MEMBER OF SUCH FORCE OR RESERVE COMPONENT AND WHILE RECOVERING FROM SICKNESS, WOUNDS, OR FOR OTHER LAWFUL CAUSE AS MAY BE DEFINED BY THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER TWO SECTION ONE HUNDRED ONE OF THE UNITED STATES SOLDIERS AND SAILORS CIVIL RELIEF ACT.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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