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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to granting academic credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to veterans

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

1   Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-e
2 to read as follows:
3   S 669-E. COURSE CREDIT FOR VETERANS. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,
4 THE TERM "VETERAN" MEANS A PERSON, MALE OR FEMALE, RESIDENT OF THIS
5 STATE, WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ACTIVE MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OF THE
6 UNITED STATES DURING A WAR IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES ENGAGED AND WHO
7 HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM SUCH SERVICE BY ANY MEANS OTHER THAN BY DISHONOR-
8 ABLE DISCHARGE, OR WHO HAS BEEN FURLOUGHED TO THE RESERVE.
9   2. EVERY VETERAN WHO IS ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS AS AN UNDERGRAD-
10 UATE STUDENT IN GOOD STANDING, AT AN INSTITUTION WITHIN THE STATE
11 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, SHALL UPON APPLICATION BE GRANTED UP TO SIX ACADEMIC
12 CREDITS PER YEAR AND SIXTY CREDITS IN THE AGGREGATE TOWARDS HIS OR HER
13 DEGREE FOR COMPLETION OF COURSES THAT WERE PART OF SUCH VETERAN'S MILI-
14 TARY TRAINING OR SERVICE IF THE COMPLETED COURSES MEET THE STANDARDS OF
15 THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE AWARDING OF
16 ACADEMIC CREDITS. NO FEE, TUITION OR OTHER CHARGE SHALL BE ASSESSED
17 AGAINST A VETERAN WHO QUALIFIES FOR SUCH CREDIT PURSUANT TO THIS
18 SECTION.
19   3. THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE CITY UNIVER-
20 SITY OF NEW YORK SHALL ADOPT SUCH PROCEDURES AS ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY
21 IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
22   S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding
23 the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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