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## 2013-2014 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- 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 an optional school tax exemption for certain disabled veterans

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

- 1 Section 1. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new 2 section 459-d to read as follows:
  - S 459-D. DISABLED VETERANS; SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION. 1. AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE EXTENT OF FIFTY PER CENTUM OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. SUCH RESOLUTION MAY PROVIDE A SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A VETERAN WITH AT LEAST A FORTY PERCENT DISABILITY, PROVIDED THAT SUCH VETERAN RESIDES ON THE REAL PROPERTY.
- 2. TO QUALIFY AS A FORTY PERCENT OR MORE DISABLED VETERAN, AN INDIVID11 UAL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ASSESSOR A CERTIFIED STATEMENT FROM THE UNITED
  12 STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WHICH STATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL
  13 HAS A PERMANENT SERVICE RELATED PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT WHICH LIMITS SUCH
  14 INDIVIDUAL'S MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES BY AT LEAST FORTY PERCENT.
- 15 3. SUCH EXEMPTION SHALL BE GRANTED ONLY UPON APPLICATION BY THE OWNER 16 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ON A FORM PRESCRIBED AND MADE AVAILABLE BY THE 17 COMMISSIONER.
- 18 4. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "VETERAN" SHALL HAVE THE 19 SAME MEANING AS IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT-A OF THIS ARTICLE.
- 20 S 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2014.

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

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