

1 3. "VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE, WHO HAS SERVED ON
2 ACTIVE DUTY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINE CORPS,
3 COAST GUARD, AND/OR THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AIR NATIONAL GUARD, NEW
4 YORK GUARD AND/OR THE NEW YORK NAVAL MILITIA, WHO HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM
5 SUCH SERVICE BY HONORABLE DISCHARGE OR GENERAL DISCHARGE.

6 4. "DISABLED VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A VETERAN WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE
7 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS OR THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 DEFENSE AS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE DISABILITY PAYMENTS UPON THE CERTIF-
9 ICATION OF SUCH DEPARTMENT FOR A DISABILITY INCURRED BY HIM OR HER IN
10 TIME OF WAR.

11 5. "ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAMS" OR "PROGRAMS" SHALL MEAN A
12 SERIES OF ACTIVITIES BY AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT TO ADMINISTER FUNDS TO
13 PROVIDE GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS AND TO OVERSEE THE ADAPTATION
14 OR RETROFITTING OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES.

15 6. "ELIGIBLE PROPERTY" SHALL MEAN A HOUSING UNIT THAT IS THE PRIMARY
16 RESIDENCE OF A DISABLED VETERAN OR VETERAN WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY
17 AND A TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME THAT DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY
18 PERCENT OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME. A PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AN
19 ELIGIBLE PROPERTY IF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IS OTHERWISE OBLIGATED BY
20 FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE THE IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED UNDER
21 THIS ARTICLE.

22 S 1242. ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES CONTRACTS. 1. WITHIN THE LIMIT OF
23 FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE ACCESS TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM, THE CORPO-
24 RATION IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH ELIGIBLE APPLI-
25 CANTS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF AN ACCESS
26 TO HOME FOR HEROES PROGRAM. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHALL BE IN THE
27 FORM OF GRANTS. NO MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
28 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE IN ANY FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO ACCESS
29 TO HOME PROGRAMS LOCATED WITHIN ANY SINGLE MUNICIPALITY. THE CORPORATION
30 SHALL MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO PROVIDE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IN THE
31 AWARDED OF PROGRAM FUNDS TO AFFORD MAXIMUM STATEWIDE IMPACT FOR DISA-
32 BLED VETERANS.

33 2. THE TOTAL PAYMENT PURSUANT TO ANY ONE CONTRACT SHALL NOT EXCEED
34 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND THE CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE FOR
35 COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD, AS SPECIFIED THER-
36 EIN, WHICH SHALL NOT IN ANY EVENT EXCEED THREE YEARS FROM ITS COMMENCE-
37 MENT. UPON REQUEST, THE CORPORATION MAY EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT
38 FOR UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIODS FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN BY THE
39 ELIGIBLE APPLICANT.

40 3. THE CORPORATION MAY AUTHORIZE THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT TO SPEND UP TO
41 SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR APPROVED ADMINIS-
42 TRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM.

43 4. THE CORPORATION SHALL REQUIRE THAT, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FUNDS
44 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT A PLAN
45 WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, PROGRAM FEASIBILITY, IMPACT
46 ON THE COMMUNITY, BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF PROGRAM FUNDS, A SCHEDULE
47 FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND MINORITY BUSINESS
48 PARTICIPATION.

49 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.