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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK, SKOUFIS, THIELE, MILLER, CURRAN, COLTON, BRABENEC -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- ordered to a third reading -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing school districts to grant an exemption to Cold War veterans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 458-b of the real
2 property tax law, as amended by chapter 235 of the laws of 2009, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 (a) Each county, city, town or village may adopt a local law, AND EACH
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION, to provide that qualifying resi-
6 dential real property shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of
7 either: (i) ten percent of the assessed value of such property; provided
8 however, that such exemption shall not exceed eight thousand dollars or
9 the product of eight thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state
10 equalization rate of the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special
11 assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less or; (ii)
12 fifteen percent of the assessed value of such property; provided howev-
13 er, that such exemption shall not exceed twelve thousand dollars or the
14 product of twelve thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equal-
15 ization rate for the assessing unit, or, in the case of a special
16 assessing unit, the latest class ratio, whichever is less.
17 S 2. Subparagraphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of
18 section 458-b of the real property tax law, subparagraph (i) as amended
19 by chapter 235 of the laws of 2009 and subparagraph (iii) as amended by
20 chapter 381 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

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

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1 (i) The exemption from taxation provided by this subdivision shall be
2 applicable to county, city, town, [and] village, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT
3 taxation[, but shall not be applicable to taxes levied for school
4 purposes].

5 (iii) The exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision
6 shall be granted for a period of ten years. The commencement of such ten
7 year period shall be governed pursuant to this subparagraph. Where a
8 qualified owner owns qualifying residential real property on the effec-
9 tive date of the local law OR RESOLUTION providing for such exemption,
10 such ten year period shall be measured from the assessment roll prepared
11 pursuant to the first taxable status date occurring on or after the
12 effective date of the local law OR RESOLUTION providing for such
13 exemption. Where a qualified owner does not own qualifying residential
14 real property on the effective date of the local law OR RESOLUTION
15 providing for such exemption, such ten year period shall be measured
16 from the assessment roll prepared pursuant to the first taxable status
17 date occurring at least sixty days after the date of purchase of quali-
18 fying residential real property; provided, however, that should the
19 veteran apply for and be granted an exemption on the assessment roll
20 prepared pursuant to a taxable status date occurring within sixty days
21 after the date of purchase of residential real property, such ten year
22 period shall be measured from the first assessment roll in which the
23 exemption occurs. If, before the expiration of such ten year period,
24 such exempt property is sold and replaced with other residential real
25 property, such exemption may be granted pursuant to this subdivision for
26 the unexpired portion of the ten year exemption period. Each county,
27 city, town or village may adopt a local law, AND EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT
28 MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION, to reduce the maximum exemption allowable in
29 paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision to six thousand dollars, nine
30 thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, respectively, or four
31 thousand dollars, six thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars,
32 respectively. Each county, city, town, or village is also authorized to
33 adopt a local law, AND EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT A RESOLUTION, to
34 increase the maximum exemption allowable in paragraphs (a) and (b) of
35 this subdivision to ten thousand dollars, fifteen thousand dollars and
36 fifty thousand dollars, respectively; twelve thousand dollars, eighteen
37 thousand dollars and sixty thousand dollars, respectively; fourteen
38 thousand dollars, twenty-one thousand dollars and seventy thousand
39 dollars, respectively; sixteen thousand dollars, twenty-four thousand
40 dollars and eighty thousand dollars, respectively; eighteen thousand
41 dollars, twenty-seven thousand dollars and ninety thousand dollars,
42 respectively; twenty thousand dollars, thirty thousand dollars and one
43 hundred thousand dollars, respectively; twenty-two thousand dollars,
44 thirty-three thousand dollars and one hundred ten thousand dollars,
45 respectively; twenty-four thousand dollars, thirty-six thousand dollars
46 and one hundred twenty thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-nine thou-
47 sand dollars, twenty-six thousand dollars, and one hundred thirty thou-
48 sand dollars, respectively; forty-two thousand dollars, twenty-eight
49 thousand dollars, and one hundred forty thousand dollars, respectively;
50 and forty-five thousand dollars, thirty thousand dollars and one hundred
51 fifty thousand dollars, respectively. In addition, a county, city, town
52 or village which is a "high-appreciation municipality" as defined in
53 this subparagraph is authorized to adopt a local law, AND EACH SCHOOL
54 DISTRICT WHICH IS WITHIN A HIGH-APPRECIATION MUNICIPALITY IS AUTHORIZED
55 TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION, to increase the maximum exemption allowable in
56 paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision to twenty-six thousand

1 dollars, thirty-nine thousand dollars and one hundred thirty thousand
2 dollars, respectively; twenty-eight thousand dollars, forty-two thousand
3 dollars and one hundred forty thousand dollars, respectively; thirty
4 thousand dollars, forty-five thousand dollars and one hundred fifty
5 thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-two thousand dollars, forty-eight
6 thousand dollars and one hundred sixty thousand dollars, respectively;
7 thirty-four thousand dollars, fifty-one thousand dollars and one hundred
8 seventy thousand dollars, respectively; thirty-six thousand dollars,
9 fifty-four thousand dollars and one hundred eighty thousand dollars,
10 respectively; fifty-seven thousand dollars, thirty-eight thousand
11 dollars and one hundred ninety thousand dollars, respectively; sixty
12 thousand dollars, forty thousand dollars and two hundred thousand
13 dollars, respectively; sixty-three thousand dollars, forty-two thousand
14 dollars and two hundred ten thousand dollars, respectively; sixty-six
15 thousand dollars, forty-four thousand dollars and two hundred twenty
16 thousand dollars, respectively; sixty-nine thousand dollars, forty-six
17 thousand dollars and two hundred thirty thousand dollars, respectively;
18 seventy-two thousand dollars, forty-eight thousand dollars and two
19 hundred forty thousand dollars, respectively; seventy-five thousand
20 dollars, fifty thousand dollars and two hundred fifty thousand dollars,
21 respectively. For purposes of this subparagraph, a "high-appreciation
22 municipality" means: (A) a special assessing unit that is a city, (B) a
23 county for which the commissioner has established a sales price differ-
24 ential factor for purposes of the STAR exemption authorized by section
25 four hundred twenty-five of this title in three consecutive years, and
26 (C) a city, town or village which is wholly or partly located within
27 such a county.

28 S 3. Subdivision 5 of section 458-b of the real property tax law, as
29 added by chapter 655 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

30 5. A local law OR RESOLUTION adopted pursuant to this section may be
31 repealed by the governing body of the applicable county, city, town,
32 [or] village, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR, IN THE CASE OF A CITY WITH A POPU-
33 LATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, THE LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY. Such repeal
34 shall occur at least ninety days prior to the taxable status date of
35 such county, city, town, [or] village, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR LEGISLATIVE
36 BODY.

37 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.