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AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to
military service credits

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph and paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdi-
2 vision 2 of section 1000 of the retirement and social security law, as
3 added by chapter 548 of the laws of 2000, are amended and two new para-
4 graphs (e) and (f) are added to read as follows:
5 A member, upon application to such retirement system, may obtain a
6 total not to exceed three years of service credit for up to three years
7 of military duty, as defined in section two hundred forty-three of the
8 military law, OR NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR FIFTY
9 PERCENT OF SUCH MEMBER'S TOTAL YEARS IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY, WHICHEVER
10 IS GREATER, if honorably discharged therefrom, if all or part of such
11 services was rendered in the military conflicts referenced below, as
12 follows:
13 (c) hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United
14 States in Panama, from the twentieth day of December, nineteen hundred
15 eighty-nine to the thirty-first day of January, nineteen hundred ninety,
16 as established by receipt of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the
17 navy expeditionary medal, or the marine corps expeditionary medal; [or]
18 (d) hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United
19 States, from the second day of August, nineteen hundred ninety, to the
20 end of such hostilities in case of a veteran who served in the theater
21 of operations including Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the
22 United Arab Emirates, Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Gulf of Oman, the
23 Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, and the airspace above these locations[.];
24 (E) HOSTILITIES PARTICIPATED IN BY THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE UNITED
25 STATES IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM FROM SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH, TWO THOU-

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

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1 SAND ONE THROUGH THE END OF SUCH HOSTILITIES IN CASE OF A VETERAN WHO
2 SERVED IN THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS INCLUDING AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ, PAKIS-
3 TAN, YEMEN, OMAN, SAUDI ARABIA, TURKEY, LIBYA, EGYPT, INDIA, LEBANON,
4 SYRIA, THE GULF OF ADEN, THE GULF OF OMAN, THE PERSIAN GULF, THE RED
5 SEA, AND THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THESE LOCATIONS; OR
6 (F) HOSTILITIES PARTICIPATED IN BY THE MILITARY FORCES OF THE UNITED
7 STATES IN CASE OF A VETERAN WHO SERVED IN UN RELATED COMBAT THEATERS IN
8 SOMALIA FROM AUGUST NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THROUGH MARCH NINETEEN
9 HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR, IN CASE OF A VETERAN WHO SERVED IN NATO RELATED
10 COMBAT THEATERS IN BOSNIA IN DECEMBER NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE
11 THROUGH NOVEMBER TWO THOUSAND FOUR AND IN CASE OF A VETERAN WHO SERVED
12 IN NATO RELATED COMBAT THEATERS IN KOSOVO IN APRIL NINETEEN HUNDRED
13 NINETY-NINE THROUGH JUNE NINETEEN HUNDRED NINETY-NINE.
14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.