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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to real property tax exemptions for combat veterans

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 458-a of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to the exemption provided by paragraph (a) of this subdivision, where the veteran served in a combat theatre or combat zone of operations, as documented by the award of a United States campaign ribbon or service medal, or the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary medal, qualifying residential real property also shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of [ten] *THIRTY-FIVE* percent of the assessed value of such property; provided, however, that such exemption shall not exceed [eight] *FORTY* thousand dollars or the product of [eight] *FORTY* thousand dollars multiplied by the latest state equalization rate for the assessing unit, or in the case of a special assessing unit, the class ratio, whichever is less.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on or after January 1, 2017.

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

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