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Introduced by M. of A. DiPIETRO, LALOR, DUPREY, RAIA, GIGLIO, BORELLI, CROUCH, KOLB, MONTESANO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BARCLAY, HAWLEY, McLAUGHLIN, OAKS, TENNEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to providing for the "Campaign Medal for Service" to be granted to those who provided military service in Afghanistan

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

Section 1. Section 247 of the military law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-c to read as follows:

1-C. THE GOVERNOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO PRESENT IN THE NAME OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, A MILITARY DECORATION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR SERVICE", BEARING A SUITABLE INSCRIPTION, DEVICE, AND RIBBON, ALL OF WHICH SHALL BE OF SUITABLE DESIGN, TO ANY PERSON (I) WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK OR (II) WHO WAS A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND WHO, WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, DEFINED AS ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, OR COAST GUARD, SERVED IN ACTIVE DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN. NOT MORE THAN ONE CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR SERVICE SHALL BE ISSUED TO ANY ONE PERSON; NOR SHALL ANY CITATION BE AWARDED OR PRESENTED, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBDIVISION, TO ANY PERSON WHOSE ENTIRE SERVICE SUBSEQUENT TO THE TIME OF THE RECEIPT OF SUCH MEDAL SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN HONORABLE. FOR EACH SUCCEEDING MEDAL AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE ENTITLED TO WEAR, AS THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE STATE MAY DIRECT, A RIBBON WHOSE COLOR AND DESIGN SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AFFAIRS. IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF ANY PERSON DURING OR SUBSEQUENT TO THE RECEIPT OF SUCH CITATION THE CAMPAIGN MEDAL FOR SERVICE SHALL BE PRESENTED TO SUCH REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED AS MAY BE DESIGNATED. THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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

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SHALL MAKE SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY FOR THE PROPER PRESENTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUCH DECORATIONS.

S 2. Subdivision 1-a of section 247 of the military law, as added by chapter 184 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

1-a. The governor is hereby authorized to present in the name of the legislature of the state of New York, a military decoration, to be known as the "conspicuous service star", bearing a suitable inscription, device, and ribbon, all of which shall be of suitable design, to any person (i) who is a citizen of the state of New York or (ii) who was a citizen of the state of New York while serving in the armed forces of the United States, and who, while serving in the United States Armed Forces, defined as army, air force, navy, marine corps, or coast guard, has, or shall have received a United States unit level decoration denoting combat participation and foreign unit awards, issued from a company, regimental, brigade, or division commander, or equivalent naval unit, or issued by the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, the United States Defense Department or the joint chiefs of staff, such as, but not limited to, a presidential unit citation or a joint meritorious unit award. Not more than one conspicuous service star shall be issued to any one person; nor shall any citation be awarded or presented, under the provisions of this subdivision, to any person whose entire service subsequent to the time of the receipt of such star shall not have been honorable. For each succeeding star as provided herein, such person shall be entitled to wear, as the chief of staff of the state may direct, a ribbon whose color and design shall be selected by the division of [miliary] MILITARY affairs. In the event of the death of any person during or subsequent to the receipt of such citation the conspicuous service star shall be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be designated. The chief of staff shall make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the proper presentation and distribution of such decorations.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.