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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to establishing a leave of absence for veterans

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

- 1     Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 202-n to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 202-N. LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VETERANS. 1. ANY PERSON MAY REQUEST AND  
4     SHALL BE GRANTED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM HIS OR HER EMPLOYER ON VETERANS  
5     DAY, NOVEMBER ELEVENTH, IF SUCH PERSON QUALIFIES AS A VETERAN UNDER THIS  
6     SECTION UNLESS THE EMPLOYER DETERMINES THAT THE PERSON'S ABSENCE WOULD  
7     IMPOSE AN UNDUE HARDSHIP ON THE CONDUCT OF THE EMPLOYER'S BUSINESS AS  
8     DEFINED BY PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION TEN OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED NINE-  
9     TY-SIX OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.  
10    2. SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY ONLY WHEN THE EMPLOYER  
11    HAS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFYING THE PERSON AS  
12    A VETERAN ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER FIFTEENTH OF THE SAME YEAR SUCH LEAVE IS  
13    BEING REQUESTED.  
14    3. THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE AUTHORIZED LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED PURSU-  
15    ANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL EITHER BE UNPAID EXCUSED LEAVE FOR PERSONS WHO  
16    ARE SUBJECT TO THE OVERTIME PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, THE FEDERAL FAIR  
17    LABOR STANDARDS ACT AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER, OR MAY  
18    OTHERWISE BE CHARGED AGAINST ANY OTHER LEAVE TO WHICH SUCH PERSON IS  
19    ENTITLED, AS DETERMINED BY THE PERSON.  
20    4. NOTHING SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPEDE,  
21    INFRINGE OR DIMINISH THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS WHICH ACCRUE TO EMPLOYEES

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

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1 THROUGH BONA FIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS, OR OTHERWISE DIMIN-  
2 ISH THE INTEGRITY OF THE EXISTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RELATIONSHIP.  
3 5. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "VETERAN" SHALL MEAN A  
4 MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO WAS HONORABLY  
5 DISCHARGED OR RELEASED UNDER HONORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES FROM SUCH SERVICE,  
6 WHO IS A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OR AN ALIEN LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR  
7 PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES AND WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW YORK AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR LEAVE.  
9 6. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY SECTION  
10 SIXTY-THREE OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.  
11 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of October next succeed-  
12 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.