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Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law and the executive law, in relation to lifting mandatory hiring and retirement ages for state and municipal police

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 58 of the civil
2 service law, as amended by chapter 244 of the laws of 2013, is amended
3 to read as follows:
4 (a) he or she is not less than twenty years of age as of the date of
5 appointment [nor more than thirty-five years of age as of the date when
6 the applicant takes the written examination, provided that the maximum
7 age requirement of thirty-five years of age as set forth in this para-
8 graph shall not apply to eligible lists finalized pursuant to an exam-
9 ination administered prior to May thirty-first, nineteen hundred nine-
10 ty-nine or a police officer in the department of environmental
11 conservation, provided, however, that:
12 (i) time spent on military duty or on terminal leave, not exceeding a
13 total of six years, shall be subtracted from the age of any applicant
14 who has passed his or her thirty-fifth birthday as provided in subdivi-
15 sion ten-a of section two hundred forty-three of the military law;
16 (ii) such maximum age requirement of thirty-five years shall not apply
17 to any police officer as defined in subdivision thirty-four of section
18 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, who was continuously employed by the
19 Buffalo municipal housing authority between January first, two thousand
20 five and June thirtieth, two thousand five and who takes the next writ-
21 ten exam offered after the effective date of this subparagraph by the
22 city of Buffalo civil service commission for employment as a police

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

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1 officer in the city of Buffalo police department, or June thirtieth, two
2 thousand six, whichever is later; and
3 (iii) such maximum age requirement of thirty-five years shall not
4 apply to any police officer of any county, town, city or village police
5 force not otherwise provided for in this section if the eligible list
6 has been exhausted and there are no other eligible candidates; provided,
7 however, the police officer themselves are on the eligible list of such
8 county, town, city or village and meet all other requirements of merit
9 and fitness set forth by this chapter and do not exceed the maximum age
10 of thirty-nine];

11 S 2. Subdivision 3 of section 215 of the executive law, as amended by
12 chapter 478 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

13 3. The sworn members of the New York state police shall be appointed
14 by the superintendent and permanent appointees may be removed by the
15 superintendent only after a hearing. No person shall be appointed to the
16 New York state police force as a sworn member unless he or she shall be
17 a citizen of the United States, [between the ages of twenty-one and
18 twenty-nine years except that in the superintendent's discretion, the
19 maximum age may be extended to thirty-five years. Notwithstanding any
20 other provision of law or any general or special law to the contrary the
21 time spent on military duty, not exceeding a total of six years, shall
22 be subtracted from the age of any applicant who has passed his or her
23 twenty-ninth birthday, solely for the purpose of permitting qualifica-
24 tion as to age and for no other purpose. Such limitations as to age
25 however shall not apply to persons appointed to the positions of coun-
26 sel, first assistant counsel, assistant counsel, and assistant deputy
27 superintendent for employee relations nor to any person appointed to the
28 bureau of criminal investigation pursuant to section two hundred sixteen
29 of this article nor shall any person be appointed] NOT LESS THAN TWEN-
30 TY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AS OF THE DATE OF APPOINTMENT, OR unless he or she
31 has fitness and good moral character and shall have passed a physical
32 and mental examination based upon standards provided by the rules and
33 regulations of the superintendent. Appointments shall be made for a
34 probationary period which, in the case of appointees required to attend
35 and complete a basic training program at the state police academy, shall
36 include such time spent attending the basic school and terminate one
37 year after successful completion thereof. All other sworn members shall
38 be subject to a probationary period of one year from the date of
39 appointment. Following satisfactory completion of the probationary peri-
40 od the member shall be a permanent appointee. Voluntary resignation or
41 withdrawal from the New York state police during such appointment shall
42 be submitted to the superintendent for approval. Reasonable time shall
43 be required to account for all equipment issued or for debts or obli-
44 gations to the state to be satisfied. Resignation or withdrawal from the
45 division during a time of emergency, so declared by the governor, shall
46 not be approved if contrary to the best interest of the state and shall
47 be a misdemeanor. No sworn member removed from the New York state police
48 shall be eligible for reappointment. The superintendent shall make rules
49 and regulations subject to approval by the governor for the discipline
50 and control of the New York state police and for the examination and
51 qualifications of applicants for appointment as members thereto and such
52 examinations shall be held and conducted by the superintendent subject
53 to such rules and regulations. The superintendent is authorized to
54 charge a fee of twenty dollars as an application fee for any person
55 applying to take a competitive examination for the position of trooper,
56 and a fee of five dollars for any competitive examination for a civilian

1 position. The superintendent shall promulgate regulations subject to the
2 approval of the director of the budget, to provide for a waiver of the
3 application fee when the fee would cause an unreasonable hardship on the
4 applicant and to establish a fee schedule and charge fees for the use of
5 state police facilities.

6 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
7 it shall have become a law.