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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK, ABBATE, COLTON, TITONE -- Multi-Sponsored  
by -- M. of A. HIKIND, M. G. MILLER, THIELE -- read once and referred  
to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to a real property tax exemption for property owned by certain persons performing active duty in a combat zone

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 458-c to read as follows:

3 § 458-c. Active duty service in a combat zone. 1. For purposes of  
4 this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

5 (a) "active service in the armed forces of the United States" shall  
6 mean active duty (other than for training) in the army, navy (including  
7 the marine corps), air force or coast guard of the United States as  
8 defined in title ten of the United States code.

9 (b) "combat zone" shall mean an area designated by the president of  
10 the United States by executive order as a "combat zone".

11 (c) "qualifying real property" shall mean residential real property  
12 owned by a person who performed active service in the armed forces of  
13 the United States in a combat zone during the taxable year.

14 2. After a public hearing, a county, city, town or village may adopt a  
15 local law providing for an exemption pursuant to the provisions of this  
16 section. Such local law may provide that qualifying real property owned  
17 by a person who at any time during the taxable year performed active  
18 service in the armed forces of the United States in a combat zone shall  
19 be exempt from taxation in an amount equal to ten percent of the  
20 assessed value of such qualifying real property.

21 3. (a) The authority granted in subdivision two of this section shall  
22 not be construed to permit a county, city, town or village to exempt  
23 qualifying real property from taxes levied for school purposes.

24 (b) The provisions of this section shall only apply to qualifying real  
25 property which is the primary residence of the applicant, provided that,  
26 in the event any portion of such real property is not used exclusively

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

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1 for the applicant's or his or her spouse's primary residence, such  
2 portion shall not be subject to the exemption granted by this section.

3 4. An exemption shall be granted pursuant to this section only upon  
4 application by the owner of the property on a form and in such a manner  
5 as shall be prescribed by the commissioner. The applicant shall furnish  
6 such information as the commissioner shall require.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to real  
8 property having a taxable status date on or after such effective date.