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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to veterans' credits for civil service appointments and promotions

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil service law, as  
2 added by chapter 790 of the laws of 1958, paragraph (a) as amended by  
3 chapter 333 of the laws of 1993, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 661  
4 of the laws of 1983, subparagraph 2 of paragraph (b) as amended by chap-  
5 ter 616 of the laws of 1995, subparagraph 3 of paragraph (b) and para-  
6 graph (c) as amended by chapter 467 of the laws of 1991 and subparagraph  
7 4 of paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. Definitions. (a) The terms "veteran" and "non-disabled veteran"  
10 mean a member of the armed forces of the United States [~~who served ther-~~  
11 ~~ein in time of war,~~] who was honorably discharged or released under  
12 honorable circumstances from such service, who is a citizen of the  
13 United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in  
14 the United States and who is a resident of the state of New York at the  
15 time of application for appointment or promotion or at the time of  
16 retention, as the case may be.

17 (b) The term "disabled veteran" means a veteran who is certified by  
18 the United States veterans' administration or a military department as  
19 entitled to receive disability payments upon the certification of such  
20 veterans' administration or a military department for a disability  
21 incurred by him or her in [~~time of war~~] the course of his or her service  
22 and in existence at the time of application for appointment or promotion  
23 or at the time of retention, as the case may be. Such disability shall

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

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1 be deemed to be in existence at the time of application for appointment  
2 or promotion or at the time of retention, as the case may be, if the  
3 certificate of such veterans' administration shall state affirmatively  
4 that such veteran has been examined by a medical officer of such veter-  
5 ans' administration on a date within one year of either the date of  
6 filing application for competitive examination for original appointment  
7 or promotion or the date of the establishment of the resulting eligible  
8 list or within one year of the time of retention, as the case may be;  
9 that at the time of such examination the [~~war-incurred~~] disability  
10 described in such certificate was found to exist; and that such disabil-  
11 ity is rated at ten per centum or more. Such disability shall also be  
12 deemed to be in existence at such time if the certificate of such veter-  
13 ans' administration shall state affirmatively that a permanent stabi-  
14 lized condition of disability exists to an extent of ten per centum or  
15 more, notwithstanding the fact that such veteran has not been examined  
16 by a medical officer of such veterans' administration within one year of  
17 either the time of application for appointment or promotion or the date  
18 of filing application for competitive examination for original appoint-  
19 ment or promotion, or within one year of the time of retention, as the  
20 case may be. [~~The term "disabled veteran" shall also mean:~~

21 ~~(1) A veteran who served in world war I, who continued to serve in the~~  
22 ~~armed forces of the United States after the eleventh day of November,~~  
23 ~~nineteen hundred eighteen, and who is certified, as hereinbefore~~  
24 ~~provided, by the United States veterans' administration as receiving~~  
25 ~~disability payments upon the certification of such veterans' adminis-~~  
26 ~~tration for a disability incurred by him in such service on or before~~  
27 ~~the second day of July, nineteen hundred twenty one.~~

28 ~~(2) A veteran who served in world war II, who continued to serve in~~  
29 ~~the armed forces of the United States after the second day of September,~~  
30 ~~nineteen hundred forty five, or who was employed by the War Shipping~~  
31 ~~Administration or Office of Defense Transportation or their agents as a~~  
32 ~~merchant seaman documented by the United States Coast Guard or Depart-~~  
33 ~~ment of Commerce, or as a civil servant employed by the United States~~  
34 ~~Army Transport Service (later redesignated as the United States Army~~  
35 ~~Transportation Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation~~  
36 ~~Service; and who served satisfactorily as a crew member during the peri-~~  
37 ~~od of armed conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty one, to~~  
38 ~~August fifteenth, nineteen hundred forty five, aboard merchant vessels~~  
39 ~~in oceangoing, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such~~  
40 ~~terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further~~  
41 ~~to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,~~  
42 ~~Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean-~~  
43 ~~going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of~~  
44 ~~Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an~~  
45 ~~Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the Department of~~  
46 ~~Defense, or who served as a United States civilian employed by the Amer-~~  
47 ~~ican Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies and~~  
48 ~~United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed~~  
49 ~~conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty one through May~~  
50 ~~eighth, nineteen hundred forty five, and who was discharged or released~~  
51 ~~therefrom under honorable conditions, or who served as a United States~~  
52 ~~civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employee of Pan Ameri-~~  
53 ~~can World Airways or one of its subsidiaries or its affiliates and~~  
54 ~~served overseas as a result of Pan American's contract with Air Trans-~~  
55 ~~port Command or Naval Air Transport Service during the period of armed~~  
56 ~~conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty one through August~~

~~fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty five, and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, and who is certified, as hereinbefore provided, by the United States veterans' administration as receiving disability payments upon the certification of such veterans' administration for a disability incurred by him in such service on or before the date that world war II is declared terminated.~~

~~(3) A veteran who served during hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States subsequent to June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred fifty, and who continued to serve in the armed forces of the United States after the thirty first day of January, nineteen hundred fifty five, and who is certified, as hereinbefore provided, by the United States veterans' administration as receiving disability payments upon the certification of such veterans' administration for a disability incurred by him in such service.~~

~~(c) The term "time of war" shall include the following wars and hostilities for the periods and based upon the evidence herein set forth:~~

~~(1) World war I, from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred seventeen, to and including the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred eighteen.~~

~~(2) World war II, from the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred forty one, to and including the thirty first day of December, nineteen hundred forty six.~~

~~(3) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States, from the twenty seventh day of June, nineteen hundred fifty, to and including the thirty first day of January, nineteen hundred fifty five.~~

~~(4) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States, from the twenty eighth day of February, nineteen hundred sixty one to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy five.~~

~~(5) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States in Lebanon, from the first day of June, nineteen hundred eighty three to the first day of December, nineteen hundred eighty seven, as established by receipt of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the navy expeditionary medal, or the marine corps expeditionary medal.~~

~~(6) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States in Grenada, from the twenty third day of October, nineteen hundred eighty three to the twenty first day of November, nineteen hundred eighty three, as established by receipt of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the navy expeditionary medal, or the marine corps expeditionary medal.~~

~~(7) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States in Panama, from the twentieth day of December, nineteen hundred eighty nine to the thirty first day of January, nineteen hundred ninety, as established by receipt of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the navy expeditionary medal, or the marine corps expeditionary medal.~~

~~(8) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf, from the second day of August, nineteen hundred ninety to the end of such hostilities.~~

~~(d)] (c)~~ The term "time of application for original appointment or promotion" shall mean the date of the establishment of an eligible list resulting from a competitive examination for original appointment or promotion, as the case may be, which date shall be the date on which the term of such eligible list commences.

~~(e)] (d)~~ The term "time of retention" shall mean the time of abolition or elimination of positions.

1 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, such  
2 additional point shall only apply to competitive examinations for  
3 original appointment and for promotion created after the effective date  
4 of this act.