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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, COLTON, GUNTHER, WEPRIN, M. G. MILLER, HOOPER, SANTABARBARA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to veterans who participated in operation restore hope in Somalia

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 368-a to read as follows:

§ 368-a. Operation restore hope; combat status. Any veteran of the armed forces who served in Somalia during operation restore hope shall, for the purposes of obtaining eligibility for any privilege or benefit granted to combat veterans pursuant to this chapter or any other provision of law, be granted the status of combat veteran and shall obtain eligibility for any such privilege or benefit.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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