

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to granting academic  
credit at state operated institutions of the state university of New  
York and the senior colleges of the city university of New York to  
veterans, members of the military, and reservists

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

Section 1. Section 350 of the education law is amended by adding three  
new subdivisions 14, 15 and 16 to read as follows:

14. "Veteran" means a person, male or female, resident of this state,  
who has served in the active military or naval service of the United  
States during a war in which the United States engaged and who has been  
released from such service by any means other than by dishonorable  
discharge, or who has been furloughed to the reserve.

15. "Member of the military" means any person who is actively enrolled  
in a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

16. "Reservist" means any person who is a member of a reserve compo-  
nent of the armed forces of the United States.

§ 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 362 to read  
as follows:

§ 362. Course credit for veterans, members of the military, and reser-  
vists. 1. Every veteran, member of the military, or reservist, as  
defined in section three hundred fifty of this article, who is enrolled  
on a full-time or part-time basis as an undergraduate student in good  
standing at an institution within the state university system shall,  
upon application, be granted up to six academic credits per year and  
sixty credits in the aggregate towards his or her degree for completion  
of courses that were part of such person's military training or service  
if the completed courses meet the standards of the American council on  
education or its equivalent for the awarding of academic credits. No

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

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1 fee, tuition or other charge shall be assessed against a veteran, member  
2 of the military, or reservist, who qualifies for such credit pursuant to  
3 this section.

4 2. The board of trustees of the state university shall adopt such  
5 procedures as are necessary to fully implement the provisions of this  
6 section.

7 § 3. Section 6202 of the education law is amended by adding three new  
8 subdivisions 10, 11 and 12 to read as follows:

9 10. The term "veteran" means a person, male or female, resident of  
10 this state, who has served in the active military or naval service of  
11 the United States during a war in which the United States engaged and  
12 who has been released from such service by any means other than by  
13 dishonorable discharge, or who has been furloughed to the reserve.

14 11. The term "member of the military" means any person who is actively  
15 enrolled in a branch of the armed forces of the United States.

16 12. The term "reservist" means any person who is a member of a reserve  
17 component of the armed forces of the United States.

18 § 4. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6217 to read  
19 as follows:

20 § 6217. Course credit for veterans, members of the military, and  
21 reservists. 1. Every veteran, member of the military, or reservist, as  
22 defined in section sixty-two hundred two of this article, who is  
23 enrolled on a full-time or part-time basis as an undergraduate student  
24 in good standing at an institution within the city university system  
25 shall, upon application, be granted up to six academic credits per year  
26 and sixty credits in the aggregate towards his or her degree for  
27 completion of courses that were part of such person's military training  
28 or service if the completed courses meet the standards of the American  
29 council on education or its equivalent for the awarding of academic  
30 credits. No fee, tuition or other charge shall be assessed against a  
31 veteran, member of the military, or reservist, who qualifies for such  
32 credit pursuant to this section.

33 2. The board of trustees of the city university of New York shall  
34 adopt such procedures as are necessary to fully implement the provisions  
35 of this section.

36 § 5. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
37 the date on which it shall have become a law.