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Introduced by Sens. MARCHIONE, AKSHAR, BONACIC, CROCI, DeFRANCISCO, GALLIVAN, HANNON, LARKIN, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing for an increase in the rates of compensation for gold star parents

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 367 of the executive law, as added by chapter 399 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A parent, identified in 10 USC 1126 as a gold star parent, of a veteran who heretofore has died or parent of a veteran dying hereafter, shall upon application to the state director, be paid an annual annuity out of the treasury of the state for the sum of five hundred dollars for such term as such parent shall be entitled thereto under the provisions of this article. [~~In no event shall such annual annuity payment exceed one thousand dollars per veteran~~] **The amount of any annuity payable under this section shall be the same amount as the annuity payable in the preceding year, increased by a percentage to be determined in accordance with a formula established by the division of veteran's affairs. The formula shall take into account all factors the division of veteran's affairs deems necessary, including, but not limited to factors such as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 USC 401 et seq.) are increased effective December first, two thousand seventeen**. The term "parent" for the purposes of this section includes mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption and father through adoption.

§ 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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