STATE OF NEW YORK

1124--B

Cal. No. 1173

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 6, 2017

Introduced by Sens. MARCHIONE, AKSHAR, AMEDORE, AVELLA, BONACIC, BOYLE, CARLUCCI, CROCI, DeFRANCISCO, GALLIVAN, HANNON, HELMING, KENNEDY, LARKIN, ORTT, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, SEWARD -- 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 -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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.~~] **Commencing in the year two thousand nineteen, the amount of any annuity payable under this section shall be the same amount as the annuity payable in the preceding year plus a percentage adjustment equal to the annual percentage increase, if any,**

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

LBD04045-07-8

for compensation and pension benefits administered by the United States department of veterans' affairs in the previous year. Such percentage increase shall be rounded up to the next highest one-tenth of one percent and shall not be less than one percent nor more than four percent. The director of veterans' affairs, not later than February first of each year, shall publish by any reasonable means, including but not limited to posting on the division's website, the amount of the annuity as adjusted payable under this section. The term "parent" for the purposes of this section includes mother, father, stepmother, step-father, mother through adoption and father through adoption.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.