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Introduced by Sens. ADDABBO, BRESLIN, COMRIE, HOYLMAN, LATIMER, PARKER, PERKINS, SANDERS -- 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 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

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

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 669-h to read as follows:

§ 669-h. Course credit for veterans. 1. For purposes of this section, the term "veteran" means a resident of this state, who has served in the active military or naval service of the United States, in a combat theater or combat zone of operations, as part of military operations related to such military service, and who has been released from such service by means of an honorable discharge, or who has been furloughed to the reserve, or has resumed service back in the New York State Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, or New York Naval Militia.

2. Every veteran who is enrolled on a full-time basis as an undergraduate student in good standing, at an institution within the state university system or the city university system, shall upon application be granted academic credits without limitation towards his or her degree for completion of courses that were part of such veteran'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 fee, tuition or other charge shall be assessed against a veteran who qualifies for such credit pursuant to this section.

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

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3. The boards of trustees of the state university and the city university of New York shall adopt such procedures as are necessary to fully implement the provisions of this section.

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