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Introduced by Sens. RANZENHOFER, ADDABBO, AKSHAR, CARLUCCI, CROCI, DeFRANCISCO, GALLIVAN, LARKIN, LITTLE, MARCHIONE, MURPHY, RITCHIE, SERINO, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- 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 establishing the hire a vet grant program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Article 17-A of the executive law is amended by adding a  
2 new section 369-f to read as follows:

3 § 369-f. Hire a vet grant. 1. Allowance of grant. A municipality shall  
4 be allowed a grant equivalent to the credit provided to eligible taxpay-  
5 ers in the "hire a vet credit" as established in subdivision twenty-nine  
6 of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, where such municipality  
7 hires and employs, for not less than one year and for not less than  
8 thirty-five hours each week, a qualified veteran within the state. The  
9 municipality may claim the grant in the year in which the qualified  
10 veteran completes one year of employment with the municipality.

11 2. Qualified veteran. A qualified veteran is an individual:

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

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1 (a) who served on active duty in the United States army, navy, air  
2 force, marine corps, coast guard or the reserves thereof, or who served  
3 in active military service of the United States as a member of the army  
4 national guard, air national guard, New York guard or New York naval  
5 militia; who was released from active duty by general or honorable  
6 discharge after September eleventh, two thousand one;

7 (b) who commences employment with the municipality on or after January  
8 first, two thousand nineteen, and before January first, two thousand  
9 twenty-one; and

10 (c) who certifies by signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that  
11 he or she has not been employed for thirty-five or more hours during any  
12 week in the one hundred eighty day period immediately prior to his or  
13 her employment by the municipality.

14 3. Prohibition. A municipality shall not discharge an employee and  
15 hire a qualifying veteran solely for the purpose of qualifying for this  
16 grant. This section shall not be deemed to amend, modify or supersede  
17 any other law which prescribes the qualifications which a person must  
18 have to be appointed to a position subject to the civil service law.

19 4. Amount of grant. The amount of the grant shall be ten percent of  
20 the total amount of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the  
21 veteran's first full year of employment. Provided, however, that, if the  
22 qualified veteran is a disabled veteran, as defined in paragraph (b) of  
23 subdivision one of section eighty-five of the civil service law, the  
24 amount of the grant shall be fifteen percent of the total amount of  
25 wages paid to the qualified veteran during the veteran's first full year  
26 of employment. The grant allowed pursuant to this subdivision shall not  
27 exceed in any year, five thousand dollars for any qualified veteran and  
28 fifteen thousand dollars for any qualified veteran who is a disabled  
29 veteran.

30 5. Definitions. For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any  
31 county, city, town, village or school district.

32 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
33 deemed repealed January 1, 2022.