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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- 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

AN ACT to amend the tax law, the state finance law and the executive law, in relation to creating a veterans' outreach advisory board and authorizing a tax check-off for gifts to such board

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

1 Section 1. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 625-a to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 625-a. Gifts to the veterans' outreach advisory board. Effective  
4 for any taxable year commencing on or after January first, two thousand  
5 nineteen, an individual in any taxable year may elect to contribute to  
6 the veterans' outreach advisory board for financial support for veter-  
7 ans' organizations. Such contribution shall be in any whole dollar  
8 amount and shall not reduce the amount of state tax owed by such indi-  
9 vidual. The commissioner shall include space on the personal income tax  
10 return to enable a taxpayer to make such contribution. Notwithstanding  
11 any other provision of law all revenues collected pursuant to this  
12 section shall be credited to the gifts to veterans' outreach advisory  
13 board fund and used only for those purposes set forth in section eight-  
14 y-two of the state finance law.

15 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 82 to  
16 read as follows:

17 § 82. Gifts to veterans' outreach advisory board fund. 1. There is  
18 hereby established a gifts to veterans' outreach advisory board fund.

19 2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys received by the department of  
20 taxation and finance from gifts to the veterans' outreach advisory board

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

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1 pursuant to section six hundred twenty-five-a of the tax law, and all  
2 other moneys appropriated, credited, or transferred thereto from any  
3 other fund or source pursuant to law. Nothing contained herein shall  
4 prevent the state from receiving grants, gifts or bequests for the  
5 purposes of the fund as defined in this section and depositing them into  
6 the fund according to law.

7 3. Such moneys, after appropriation by the legislature, shall be  
8 available to the veterans' outreach advisory board to carry out the  
9 purposes set forth in section three hundred fifty-three-b of the execu-  
10 tive law, including the distribution of competitive grants to veterans'  
11 organizations within this state to promote activities, programs and  
12 projects of such organizations.

13 4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of  
14 the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the director of  
15 veterans' affairs.

16 § 3. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 353-b to  
17 read as follows:

18 § 353-b. Veterans' outreach advisory board. 1. There is hereby estab-  
19 lished within the division a veterans' outreach advisory board. The  
20 membership of the board shall consist of one county veterans' affairs  
21 director from each of the judicial districts of the state and the direc-  
22 tor, who shall serve as the chair of such board. Each county veterans'  
23 affairs director shall be chosen from the county veterans' affairs  
24 directors within the judicial district served by such county director  
25 and shall serve for a term of four years. Vacancies in office shall be  
26 filled in the same manner as the regional appointment.

27 2. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their  
28 services as members of the board, but each of them shall be allowed the  
29 necessary and actual expenses which he or she shall incur in the  
30 performance of his or her duties under this section. The division shall  
31 provide staff and support necessary for the board to carry out its  
32 duties and responsibilities.

33 3. The board shall meet at such times as the chair may direct. A  
34 majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

35 4. The veterans' outreach advisory board shall be authorized and  
36 empowered to:

37 a. make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for  
38 the proper operation of such board;

39 b. provide competitive grants to veterans' organizations within this  
40 state to promote activities, programs and projects of such organizations  
41 while also promoting regional economic development within the state;

42 c. to have all other powers which may be reasonably implied from the  
43 granting of express powers by this section, together with such other  
44 powers as may be incident to or necessary for the carrying out of the  
45 purposes of this section; and

46 d. report to the governor and to the legislature concerning its activ-  
47 ities at least once annually.

48 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.