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IN SENATE

January 5, 2017

Introduced by Sen. AMEDORE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the real property tax exemption for persons with disabilities and limited incomes

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

Section 1. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 459-c of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 265 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

An award letter from the Social Security Administration or the Railroad Retirement Board, or a certificate from the state commission for the blind, or an award letter from the United States Postal Service, or an award letter from the United States department of veterans affairs shall be submitted as proof of disability. **If a person is unable to obtain an award letter from the Social Security Administration due to insufficient work credits to qualify for SSDI, a denial or disapproval letter or notice of disapproved claim from the Social Security Administration together with a medical certification of the individual's qualifying disability prepared by a duly licensed physician and a medical certification of the individual's qualifying disability prepared by the workers' compensation board shall be deemed sufficient in lieu of an award letter from the Social Security Administration. Such medical certification of the individual's qualifying disability as prepared by the workers' compensation board pursuant to this subdivision shall take into account the results of such medical determination of the individual's qualifying disability as was prepared by a duly licensed physician pursuant to this subdivision.**

§ 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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