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Introduced by Sen. ADDABBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the tax law and the state finance law, in relation to gifts for the support of congressional chartered veterans service organizations

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 630-g to
2 read as follows:

3 § 630-g. Gift to the congressional chartered veterans service organ-
4 izations fund. Effective for any tax year commencing on or after January
5 first, two thousand nineteen, an individual may elect to contribute to
6 the congressional chartered veterans service organizations fund created
7 pursuant to section ninety-nine-hh of the state finance law for the
8 support of congressional chartered veterans service organizations, who
9 help assist veterans in gaining access to the United States department
10 of veterans affairs benefits and the New York state division of veter-
11 ans' services benefits they are entitled to. Such contribution shall be
12 in any whole dollar amount and shall not reduce the amount of tax owed
13 by such individual. The commissioner shall include space on the personal
14 income tax return to enable a taxpayer to make such contribution.
15 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all revenue collected pursu-
16 ant to this section shall be credited to the fund and used only for the
17 purposes of the congressional chartered veterans service organizations.

18 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-hh to
19 read as follows:

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

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1 § 99-hh. Congressional chartered veterans service organizations fund.

2 1. There is hereby created in the joint custody of the state comptroller
3 and the commissioner of taxation and finance a fund to be known as the
4 "congressional chartered veterans service organizations fund". Monies in
5 the fund shall be kept separate from and not commingled with other funds
6 held in the sole custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance.

7 2. Such fund shall consist of all revenues received by the department
8 of taxation and finance, pursuant to the provisions of section six
9 hundred thirty-g of the tax law and all other moneys appropriated, cred-
10 ited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to
11 law. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the state from receiving
12 grants, gifts or bequests for the purposes of the fund as defined in
13 this section and depositing them into the fund according to law.

14 3. Moneys of the fund may be invested by the state comptroller, and
15 income from the investments of moneys deposited to this fund pursuant to
16 section six hundred thirty-g of the tax law shall be credited solely to
17 this fund.

18 4. Monies of the fund shall, after appropriation by the legislature,
19 be made available to the division of veterans' services for grants to
20 congressional chartered veterans service organizations who help assist
21 veterans in gaining access to the United States department of veterans
22 affairs benefits and the New York state division of veterans' services
23 benefits they are entitled to. The New York state director of veterans'
24 services shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the
25 distribution of such grants.

26 5. To the extent practicable, the director of veterans' services shall
27 ensure that all moneys received during a fiscal year are expended prior
28 to the end of that fiscal year.

29 6. On or before the first day of February each year, the comptroller
30 shall certify to the governor, temporary president of the senate, speak-
31 er of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee and chair of
32 the assembly ways and means committee, the amount of money deposited in
33 the congressional chartered veterans service organizations fund during
34 the preceding calendar year as the result of revenue derived pursuant to
35 section six hundred thirty-g of the tax law and any income generated
36 from investments of the moneys in the fund in accordance with subdivi-
37 sion three of this section.

38 7. On or before the first day of February each year. the director of
39 the division of veterans' services shall provide a written report to
40 the temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of
41 the senate finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means
42 committee, chair of the senate veterans, homeland security and military
43 affairs committee, chair of the assembly veterans' affairs committee,
44 and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of the fund
45 were utilized during the preceding calendar year and shall include:

46 (a) the amount of money disbursed from the fund;

47 (b) the recipients of awards from the fund;

48 (c) the amount awarded to each recipient;

49 (d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

50 (e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include esti-
51 mates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeed-
52 ing fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal
53 year.

54 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.