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Introduced by Sens. RANZENHOFER, ADDABBO, AKSHAR, CARLUCCI, GALLIVAN, LITTLE, RITCHIE, SERINO, SEWARD -- 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 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:

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 369-f to read as follows:

§ 369-f. Hire a vet grant. 1. Allowance of grant. A municipality shall be allowed a grant equivalent to the credit provided to eligible taxpayers in the "hire a vet credit" as established in subdivision twenty-nine of section 210-B of the tax law, where such municipality hires and employs, for not less than one year and for not less than thirty-five hours each week, a qualified veteran within the state. The municipality may claim the grant in the year in which the qualified veteran completes one year of employment with the municipality.

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

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

(b) who commences employment with the municipality on or after January first, two thousand nineteen; and

(c) who certifies by signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that he or she has not been employed for thirty-five or more hours during any

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

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week in the one hundred eighty day period immediately prior to his or her employment by the municipality.

3. Prohibition. A municipality shall not discharge an employee and hire a qualifying veteran solely for the purpose of qualifying for this grant.

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2024.