

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 23, 2019

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to authorizing additional paid leave for health related services for certain employees

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 242 of the military law is amended
2 by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Public officers or employees, as defined by paragraph (a) of
4 subdivision one of this section, who are not employees of the state of
5 New York and therefore not entitled to the benefits contained in para-
6 graph (b) of this subdivision, who have served in a combat theater or
7 combat zone of operations as documented by a copy of his or her DD214,
8 certificate of release or discharge from active duty, or other applica-
9 ble department of defense documentation, may be entitled to additional
10 paid leave for health related services related to duty in a combat thea-
11 ter or combat zone of operations. The governing body of a municipal
12 corporation may, in its sole discretion, adopt a resolution or local law
13 providing for the payment of the salary or other compensation of such
14 public officers or employees for any and all periods of absence while
15 utilizing healthcare related services related to duty in a combat thea-
16 ter or combat zone of operations, not exceeding five working days, in
17 any one calendar year. Any such local law or resolution adopted must
18 apply to both combat theater veterans and combat zone of operations
19 veterans employed by such public employer. Nothing in this paragraph
20 shall be construed to diminish the rights, privileges, or remedies of
21 any employee under any collective bargaining agreement.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
23 it shall have become a law.

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

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