

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

Introduced by Sens. KAPLAN, RANZENHOFER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

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:

1 Section 1. Article 17-A of the executive law is amended by adding a  
2 new section 369-f to read as follows:

3 § 369-f. Hire a vet grant. 1. Allowance of grant. A municipality shall  
4 be allowed a grant equivalent to the credit provided to eligible taxpayers in the "hire a vet credit" as established in subdivision twenty-nine  
5 of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, where such municipality  
6 hires and employs, for not less than one year and for not less than  
7 thirty-five hours each week, a qualified veteran within the state. The  
8 municipality may claim the grant in the year in which the qualified  
9 veteran completes one year of employment with the municipality.

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

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

17 (b) who commences employment with the municipality on or after January  
18 first, two thousand twenty, and before January first, two thousand twenty-two; and

19 (c) who certifies by signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that  
20 he or she has not been employed for thirty-five or more hours during any  
21 week in the one hundred eighty day period immediately prior to his or  
22 her employment by the municipality.

23 3. Prohibition. A municipality shall not discharge an employee and  
24 hire a qualifying veteran solely for the purpose of qualifying for this  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 grant. This section shall not be deemed to amend, modify or supersede  
2 any other law which prescribes the qualifications which a person must  
3 have to be appointed to a position subject to the civil service law.

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

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

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
18 deemed repealed January 1, 2023.