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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to the issuance of a New York State September Eleventh Service Medal

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

1 Section 1. Section 247 of the military law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 1-d to read as follows:

3 1-d. The adjutant general, subject to available appropriation authori-  
4 ty or with funds otherwise available, is hereby authorized to present in  
5 the name of the legislature of the state of New York, a medal, to be  
6 known as the "New York State September Eleventh Service Medal", bearing  
7 a suitable inscription, to any person: (i) who is a resident of the  
8 state of New York; or (ii) who was a resident of the state of New York  
9 while serving in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) who served  
10 in the United States Armed Forces, defined as army, air force, navy,  
11 marine corps, or coast guard, or the organized militia on active duty  
12 and participated in the rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations at the  
13 World Trade Center site in response to the World Trade Center attack on  
14 September eleventh, two thousand one; and (iv) who was honorably  
15 discharged or released under honorable circumstances subsequent to such  
16 service. Not more than one New York State September Eleventh Service  
17 Medal shall be awarded or presented, under the provisions of this subdi-  
18 vision, to any person whose entire service subsequent to the time of the  
19 receipt of such medal shall not have been honorable. For each succeeding  
20 star as provided herein, such person shall be entitled to wear, as the  
21 chief of staff of the state may direct, a ribbon whose color and design  
22 shall be selected by the division of military and naval affairs. In the  
23 event of the death of any person during or subsequent to the receipt of  
24 such certificate it shall be presented to such representative of the  
25 deceased as may be designated. The adjutant general, in consultation

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

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1 with the director of the division of veterans' affairs, shall make such  
2 rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the proper presen-  
3 tation and distribution of such medals.

4 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 247 of the military law, as amended by  
5 chapter 332 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

6 4. This section shall not be construed to require that a recipient of  
7 the conspicuous service cross, the conspicuous service star, the Cold  
8 War Certificate ~~[ex]~~, the New York State Silver Rose Veterans Service  
9 Certificate or the New York State September Eleventh Service Medal has  
10 been a resident of the state of New York at the time of his or her entry  
11 into the United States army, air force, navy, marine corps, or nurses  
12 corps.

13 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
14 it shall have become a law. The division of military and naval affairs  
15 is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take  
16 any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on  
17 its effective date on or before such date.