

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations -- 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 legislative law, in relation to establishing a veterans internship program (V.I.P. NY)

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

1 Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new article 6-B  
2 to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 6-B  
4 VETERANS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM  
5 (V.I.P. NY)

6 Section 97. Veterans internship program (V.I.P. NY).

7 § 97. Veterans internship program (V.I.P. NY). 1. There is hereby  
8 established within the legislature a veterans internship program (V.I.P.  
9 NY) to provide opportunities for veterans to participate in the assembly  
10 youth participation program and the senate student program. Such program  
11 shall award ten percent of available internships in the assembly youth  
12 participation program and the senate student program to eligible honor-  
13 ably discharged veterans. Veterans who are awarded internships pursuant  
14 to the V.I.P. NY program shall receive a stipend that is equivalent to  
15 the stipend awarded to graduate student participants in the assembly  
16 youth participation program and senate student program for a one semes-  
17 ter internship.

18 2. To be eligible to participate in the V.I.P. NY program, a candidate  
19 shall:

20 (a) be honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United  
21 States;

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

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1 (b) be unemployed or underemployed;

2 (c) have demonstrated an interest in future employment in public  
3 service, government or public policy; and

4 (d) submit an application for participation in the V.I.P. NY program  
5 to the senate or assembly. Such application shall be made in a manner  
6 and form as determined by the senate and the assembly.

7 3. In an effort to foster and encourage participation in the V.I.P. NY  
8 program, the assembly intern office and the senate intern office shall  
9 coordinate with each other and with county veterans' services agencies  
10 to identify and recruit eligible candidates.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.