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AN ACT to amend the civil service law, the education law, the executive law, the veterans' services law, the general business law, the military law, the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, the real property tax law, the social services law, the vehicle and traffic law and the workers' compensation law, in relation to removing the requirement that a veteran served during wartime to be granted certain benefits

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 55-c of the civil service law, as
2 amended by chapter 340 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as
3 follows:
4 1. The commission may determine up to five hundred positions with
5 duties such as can be performed by disabled veterans and veterans with
6 disabilities who are found otherwise qualified to perform satisfactorily
7 the duties of any such position. Upon such determination, the said posi-
8 tions shall be classified in the noncompetitive class, and may be filled
9 only by veterans of the armed forces of the United States [~~who served~~
10 ~~therein during time of war, as defined in paragraph (c) of subdivision~~
11 ~~one of section eighty-five of this chapter~~], and (a) who establish by
12 appropriate documentary evidence that they are disabled veterans, as
13 defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section eighty-five of
14 this chapter, or (b) by those veterans, as defined in paragraph (a) of
15 subdivision one of section eighty-five of this chapter, who shall have
16 been certified by the employee health service of the department as being

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

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1 disabled but capable of performing the duties of said positions. Prior-
2 ity in certification and referral of both such disabled veterans and
3 certified disabled but capable veterans shall be given to those veterans
4 who received a wound in combat, as documented by the awarding of the
5 purple heart, as authorized by the United States department of defense,
6 and that wound is the cause of, or a substantially contributing factor
7 to, the degree of impairment, who otherwise meet the requirements of
8 this section. The number of veterans appointed pursuant to this section
9 shall not exceed five hundred.

10 § 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 75 of the civil service
11 law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (b) a person holding a position by permanent appointment or employment
14 in the classified service of the state or in the several cities, coun-
15 ties, towns, or villages thereof, or in any other political or civil
16 division of the state or of a municipality, or in the public school
17 service, or in any public or special district, or in the service of any
18 authority, commission or board, or in any other branch of public
19 service, who was honorably discharged or released under honorable
20 circumstances from the armed forces of the United States including (i)
21 having a qualifying condition as defined in section three hundred fifty
22 of the executive law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct
23 or dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a discharged LGBT
24 veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,
25 and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
26 such service, [~~having served therein as such member in time of war as~~
27 ~~defined in section eighty five of this chapter,~~] or who is an exempt
28 volunteer firefighter as defined in the general municipal law, except
29 when a person described in this paragraph holds the position of private
30 secretary, cashier or deputy of any official or department, or

31 § 3. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 75 of the civil service
32 law, as amended by section 36 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of
33 2022, is amended to read as follows:

34 (b) a person holding a position by permanent appointment or employment
35 in the classified service of the state or in the several cities, coun-
36 ties, towns, or villages thereof, or in any other political or civil
37 division of the state or of a municipality, or in the public school
38 service, or in any public or special district, or in the service of any
39 authority, commission or board, or in any other branch of public
40 service, who was honorably discharged or released under honorable
41 circumstances from the armed forces of the United States including (i)
42 having a qualifying condition as defined in section one of the veterans'
43 services law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or
44 dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a discharged LGBT veteran,
45 as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and receiving a
46 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service,
47 [~~having served therein as such member in time of war as defined in~~
48 ~~section eighty five of this chapter,~~] or who is an exempt volunteer
49 firefighter as defined in the general municipal law, except when a
50 person described in this paragraph holds the position of private secre-
51 tary, cashier or deputy of any official or department, or

52 § 4. Section 86 of the civil service law, as amended by chapter 490 of
53 the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

54 § 86. Transfer of veterans or exempt volunteer firefighters upon abol-
55 ition of positions. If the position in the non-competitive or in the
56 labor class held by any honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces

1 of the United States or by any veteran of the armed forces of the United
2 States released under honorable circumstances from such service includ-
3 ing (i) having a qualifying condition as defined in section three
4 hundred fifty of the executive law, and receiving a discharge other than
5 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a
6 discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of
7 the executive law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or
8 dishonorable from such service, [~~who served therein in time of war as~~
9 ~~defined in section eighty-five of this chapter,~~] or by an exempt volun-
10 teer firefighter as defined in the general municipal law, shall become
11 unnecessary or be abolished for reasons of economy or otherwise, the
12 honorably discharged veteran or exempt volunteer firefighter holding
13 such position shall not be discharged from the public service but shall
14 be transferred to a similar position wherein a vacancy exists, and shall
15 receive the same compensation therein. It is hereby made the duty of all
16 persons clothed with the power of appointment to make such transfer
17 effective. The right to transfer herein conferred shall continue for a
18 period of one year following the date of abolition of the position, and
19 may be exercised only where a vacancy exists in an appropriate position
20 to which transfer may be made at the time of demand for transfer. Where
21 the positions of more than one such veteran or exempt volunteer fire-
22 fighter are abolished and a lesser number of vacancies in similar posi-
23 tions exist to which transfer may be made, the veterans or exempt volun-
24 teer firefighters whose positions are abolished shall be entitled to
25 transfer to such vacancies in the order of their original appointment in
26 the service. Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the
27 position of private secretary, cashier or deputy of any official or
28 department. This section shall have no application to persons encom-
29 passed by section eighty-a of this chapter.

30 § 5. Section 86 of the civil service law, as amended by section 38 of
31 part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
32 follows:

33 § 86. Transfer of veterans or exempt volunteer firefighters upon abol-
34 ition of positions. If the position in the non-competitive or in the
35 labor class held by any honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces
36 of the United States or by any veteran of the armed forces of the United
37 States released under honorable circumstances from such service includ-
38 ing (i) having a qualifying condition as defined in section one of the
39 veterans' services law, and receiving a discharge other than bad conduct
40 or dishonorable from such service, or (ii) being a discharged LGBT
41 veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and
42 receiving a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
43 service, [~~who served therein in time of war as defined in section eight-~~
44 ~~y-five of this chapter,~~] or by an exempt volunteer firefighter as
45 defined in the general municipal law, shall become unnecessary or be
46 abolished for reasons of economy or otherwise, the honorably discharged
47 veteran or exempt volunteer firefighter holding such position shall not
48 be discharged from the public service but shall be transferred to a
49 similar position wherein a vacancy exists, and shall receive the same
50 compensation therein. It is hereby made the duty of all persons clothed
51 with the power of appointment to make such transfer effective. The right
52 to transfer herein conferred shall continue for a period of one year
53 following the date of abolition of the position, and may be exercised
54 only where a vacancy exists in an appropriate position to which transfer
55 may be made at the time of demand for transfer. Where the positions of
56 more than one such veteran or exempt volunteer firefighter are abolished

1 and a lesser number of vacancies in similar positions exist to which
2 transfer may be made, the veterans or exempt volunteer firefighters
3 whose positions are abolished shall be entitled to transfer to such
4 vacancies in the order of their original appointment in the service.
5 Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the position of
6 private secretary, cashier or deputy of any official or department. This
7 section shall have no application to persons encompassed by section
8 eighty-a of this chapter.

9 § 6. Paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 360 of the education law,
10 as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 c. Adopt and enforce campus rules and regulations not inconsistent
13 with the vehicle and traffic law relating to parking, vehicular and
14 pedestrian traffic, and safety. Such rules and regulations may include
15 provisions for the disposition of abandoned vehicles, removal by towing
16 or otherwise of vehicles parked in violation of such rules at the
17 expense of the owner, the payment of fees for the registration or park-
18 ing of such vehicles, provided that such campus rules and regulations
19 may provide that any veteran attending the state university as a student
20 shall be exempt from any fees for parking or registering a motor vehi-
21 cle, and the assessment of administrative fines upon the owner or opera-
22 tor of such vehicles for each violation of the regulations. However, no
23 such fine may be imposed without a hearing or an opportunity to be heard
24 conducted by an officer or board designated by the board of trustees.
25 Such fines, in the case of an officer or employee of state university,
26 may be deducted from the salary or wages of such officer or employee
27 found in violation of such regulations, or in the case of a student of
28 state university found in violation of such regulations, the university
29 may withhold his grades and transcripts until such time as any fine is
30 paid. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "veteran" shall mean a
31 member of the armed forces of the United States who served in such armed
32 forces [~~in time of war~~] and who (i) was honorably discharged or released
33 under honorable circumstances from such service, or (ii) has a qualify-
34 ing condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the execu-
35 tive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
36 dishonorable from such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran,
37 as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has
38 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
39 service.

40 § 7. Paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 360 of the education law,
41 as amended by section 40 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022,
42 is amended to read as follows:

43 c. Adopt and enforce campus rules and regulations not inconsistent
44 with the vehicle and traffic law relating to parking, vehicular and
45 pedestrian traffic, and safety. Such rules and regulations may include
46 provisions for the disposition of abandoned vehicles, removal by towing
47 or otherwise of vehicles parked in violation of such rules at the
48 expense of the owner, the payment of fees for the registration or park-
49 ing of such vehicles, provided that such campus rules and regulations
50 may provide that any veteran attending the state university as a student
51 shall be exempt from any fees for parking or registering a motor vehi-
52 cle, and the assessment of administrative fines upon the owner or opera-
53 tor of such vehicles for each violation of the regulations. However, no
54 such fine may be imposed without a hearing or an opportunity to be heard
55 conducted by an officer or board designated by the board of trustees.
56 Such fines, in the case of an officer or employee of state university,

1 may be deducted from the salary or wages of such officer or employee
2 found in violation of such regulations, or in the case of a student of
3 state university found in violation of such regulations, the university
4 may withhold his or her grades and transcripts until such time as any
5 fine is paid. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "veteran" shall
6 mean a member of the armed forces of the United States who served in
7 such armed forces [~~in time of war~~] and who (i) was honorably discharged
8 or released under honorable circumstances from such service, or (ii) has
9 a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans'
10 services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
11 dishonorable from such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran,
12 as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has
13 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
14 service.

15 § 8. Subdivision 5 of section 605 of the education law, as amended by
16 chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

17 5. Regents scholarships for [~~war~~] veterans. Regents scholarships for
18 [~~war~~] veterans shall be awarded on a competitive basis, for study begin-
19 ning with the college year nineteen hundred seventy-five--nineteen
20 hundred seventy-six. Six hundred such scholarships shall be awarded in
21 such year to veterans of the armed forces of the United States who have
22 served on active duty (other than for training) between October one,
23 nineteen hundred sixty-one and March twenty-nine, nineteen hundred
24 seventy-three, and who on the date by which applications are required to
25 be submitted (a) have been released from such active duty on conditions
26 not other than honorable, or (b) have a qualifying condition, as defined
27 in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and have received a
28 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or
29 (c) are discharged LGBT veterans, as defined in section three hundred
30 fifty of the executive law, and have received a discharge other than bad
31 conduct or dishonorable from such service. Such scholarships shall be
32 allocated to each county in the state in the same ratio that the number
33 of legal residents in such county, as determined by the most recent
34 federal census, bears to the total number of residents in the state;
35 provided, however, that no county shall be allocated fewer scholarships
36 than such county received during the year nineteen hundred sixty-eight-
37 -sixty-nine.

38 § 9. Subdivision 5 of section 605 of the education law, as amended by
39 section 42 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to
40 read as follows:

41 5. Regents scholarships for [~~war~~] veterans. Regents scholarships for
42 [~~war~~] veterans shall be awarded on a competitive basis, for study begin-
43 ning with the college year nineteen hundred seventy-five--nineteen
44 hundred seventy-six. Six hundred such scholarships shall be awarded in
45 such year to veterans of the armed forces of the United States who have
46 served on active duty (other than for training) between October one,
47 nineteen hundred sixty-one and March twenty-nine, nineteen hundred
48 seventy-three, and who on the date by which applications are required to
49 be submitted (a) have been released from such active duty on conditions
50 not other than honorable, or (b) have a qualifying condition, as defined
51 in section one of the veterans' services law, and have received a
52 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or
53 (c) are discharged LGBT veterans, as defined in section one of the
54 veterans' services law, and have received a discharge other than bad
55 conduct or dishonorable from such service. Such scholarships shall be
56 allocated to each county in the state in the same ratio that the number

1 of legal residents in such county, as determined by the most recent
2 federal census, bears to the total number of residents in the state;
3 provided, however, that no county shall be allocated fewer scholarships
4 than such county received during the year nineteen hundred sixty-eight-
5 -sixty-nine.

6 § 10. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 668 of the
7 education law, as amended by chapter 580 of the laws of 1992, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 Period of military service. For a student to be eligible, the parent,
10 or step-parent where the student is the dependent of the step-parent,
11 (i) must [~~have been a recipient of the armed forces expeditionary medal,
12 the navy expeditionary medal or the marine corps expeditionary medal for
13 participation in operations in Lebanon from June first, nineteen hundred
14 eighty-three to December first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven, in Gren-
15 da from October twenty-third, nineteen hundred eighty-three to November
16 twenty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, or in Panama from December
17 twentieth, nineteen hundred eighty-nine to January thirty-first, nine-
18 teen hundred ninety~~] have been a member of the armed forces of the
19 United States, and who (A) was discharged or released therefrom under
20 honorable conditions, or (B) has a qualifying condition, as defined in
21 section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a
22 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or
23 (C) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred
24 fifty of the executive law, or (ii) must have served on regular active
25 duty (other than for training) in the armed forces of the United States
26 during part of one of the following periods:

27 § 11. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 and paragraph a of subdivision 2 of
28 section 669-a of the education law, paragraph d of subdivision 1 as
29 amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019 and paragraph a of subdivi-
30 sion 2 as amended by section 3 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of
31 2008, are amended to read as follows:

32 d. "Other eligible [~~combat~~] veteran" means: an individual who (i) is a
33 resident of this state, (ii) served in the armed forces of the United
34 States [~~in hostilities that occurred after February twenty-eighth, nine-
35 teen hundred sixty-one, as evidenced by their receipt of an Armed Forces
36 Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine Corps Expedi-
37 tionary Medal~~], and (iii) was either discharged under honorable condi-
38 tions, including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge under
39 honorable conditions, or general discharge, or has a qualifying condi-
40 tion, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,
41 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
42 such service, or is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section
43 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge
44 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service.

45 a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghan-
46 istan and other eligible [~~combat~~] veterans, as defined in subdivision
47 one of this section, who are enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdivi-
48 sion four of section six hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved
49 undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions or
50 enrolled in approved vocational training programs and who apply for a
51 tuition assistance program award pursuant to section six hundred sixty-
52 seven of this subpart.

53 § 12. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education
54 law, as amended by section 46 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of
55 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1 d. "Other eligible [~~combat~~] veteran" means: an individual who (i) is a
2 resident of this state, (ii) served in the armed forces of the United
3 States [~~in hostilities that occurred after February twenty eighth, nine-~~
4 ~~teen hundred sixty one, as evidenced by their receipt of an Armed Forces~~
5 ~~Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, or Marine Corps Expedi-~~
6 ~~tionary Medal], and (iii) was either discharged under honorable condi-~~
7 ~~tions, including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge under~~
8 ~~honorable conditions, or general discharge, or has a qualifying condi-~~
9 ~~tion, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has~~
10 ~~received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such~~
11 ~~service, or is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of~~
12 ~~the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad~~
13 ~~conduct or dishonorable from such service.~~

14 § 13. Subdivision 3 of section 350 of the executive law is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 3. The term "veteran" means a person, male or female, resident of this
17 state, who has served in the active military or naval service of the
18 United States [~~during a war in which the United States engaged~~] and who
19 has been released from such service otherwise than by dishonorable
20 discharge, or who has been furloughed to the reserve.

21 § 14. Subdivision 1 of section 356 of the executive law is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 1. A state veterans' service agency established by the division pursu-
24 ant to this article shall have power and it shall be its duty to inform
25 military and naval authorities of the United States and assist members
26 of the armed forces and veterans, who are residents of this state, and
27 their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to educational
28 training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health, medical and
29 rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of federal, state
30 and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges
31 to members of the armed forces and [~~war~~] veterans and their families,
32 (4) employment and re-employment services, and (5) other matters of
33 similar, related or appropriate nature. The state veterans' service
34 agency also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the
35 state director.

36 § 15. Subdivision 1 of section 13 of the veterans' services law is
37 amended to read as follows:

38 1. A state veterans' service agency established by the department
39 pursuant to this article shall have power and it shall be its duty to
40 inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist
41 members of the uniformed services and veterans, who are residents of
42 this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to
43 educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health,
44 medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of
45 federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights
46 and privileges to members of the uniformed services and [~~war~~] veterans
47 and their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, and (5)
48 other matters of similar, related or appropriate nature. The state
49 veterans' service agency also shall perform such other duties as may be
50 assigned by the state commissioner.

51 § 16. Subdivision 1 of section 358 of the executive law, as amended by
52 chapter 482 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

53 1. A local veterans' service agency shall have power under the direc-
54 tion of the state veterans' service agency, and it shall be its duty to
55 inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist
56 members of the armed forces and veterans, who are residents of this

1 state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to
2 educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health,
3 medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of
4 federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights
5 and privileges to members of the armed forces and ~~war~~ veterans and
6 their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, (5) the proc-
7 ess of submitting an application for a discharge upgrade to the
8 discharge upgrade advisory board, and (6) other matters of similar,
9 related or appropriate nature. The local veterans' service agency may
10 also assist families of members of the reserve components of the armed
11 forces and the organized militia ordered into active duty to ensure that
12 they are made aware of and are receiving all appropriate support avail-
13 able to them and are placed in contact with the agencies responsible for
14 such support, including, but not limited to, the division of military
15 and naval affairs and other state agencies responsible for providing
16 such support. The local veterans' service agency also shall perform such
17 other duties as may be assigned by the state director.

18 § 17. Subdivision 1 of section 15 of the veterans' services law is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 1. A local veterans' service agency shall have power under the direc-
21 tion of the state veterans' service agency, and it shall be its duty to
22 inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist
23 members of the uniformed services and veterans, who are residents of
24 this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to
25 educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health,
26 medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of
27 federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights
28 and privileges to members of the uniformed services and ~~war~~ veterans
29 and their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, (5) the
30 process of submitting an application for a discharge upgrade to the
31 discharge upgrade advisory board, and (6) other matters of similar,
32 related or appropriate nature. The local veterans' service agency may
33 also assist families of members of the reserve components of the
34 uniformed services and the organized militia ordered into active duty to
35 ensure that they are made aware of and are receiving all appropriate
36 support available to them and are placed in contact with the agencies
37 responsible for such support, including, but not limited to, the divi-
38 sion of military and naval affairs and other state agencies responsible
39 for providing such support. The local veterans' service agency also
40 shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the state commis-
41 sioner.

42 § 18. Subdivision 1 of section 364 of the executive law, as added by
43 chapter 424 of the laws of 1961, paragraph a as amended by chapter 490
44 of the laws of 2019, clause 7 of subparagraph (v) of paragraph a as
45 amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 2021, and paragraph c as added by
46 chapter 751 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

47 1. a. The word "veteran," as used in this article shall be taken to
48 mean and include any person who is a resident of the state of New York,
49 and who (i) has been or may be given an honorable, general or ordinary
50 discharge or any other form of release from such service, except a
51 dishonorable discharge, a bad conduct discharge, an undesirable
52 discharge, a discharge without honor or a discharge for the good of the
53 service, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three
54 hundred fifty of this article, and has received a discharge other than
55 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (iii) is a discharged
56 LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of this article,

1 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
2 such service[~~, and who (iv) was a recipient of the armed forces expedi-~~
3 ~~tionary medal, the navy expeditionary medal or the marine corps expedi-~~
4 ~~tionary medal for participation in operations in Lebanon from June~~
5 ~~first, nineteen hundred eighty-three to December first, nineteen hundred~~
6 ~~eighty-seven, in Grenada from October twenty-third, nineteen hundred~~
7 ~~eighty-three to November twenty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, or~~
8 ~~in Panama from December twentieth, nineteen hundred eighty-nine to Janu-~~
9 ~~ary thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety, or (v) served on active duty~~
10 ~~for ninety days or more in the armed forces of the United States during~~
11 ~~any one of the following wars or hostilities:~~

12 ~~(1) in the Spanish American war from the twenty first day of April,~~
13 ~~eighteen hundred ninety-eight to the eleventh day of April, eighteen~~
14 ~~hundred ninety-nine, inclusive;~~

15 ~~(2) in the Philippine insurrection or the China relief expedition from~~
16 ~~the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred ninety-nine to the fourth~~
17 ~~day of July, nineteen hundred two, inclusive;~~

18 ~~(3) in the Mexican border campaign from the ninth day of May, nineteen~~
19 ~~hundred sixteen, to the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred seventeen,~~
20 ~~inclusive;~~

21 ~~(4) in world war I from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred~~
22 ~~seventeen to the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred eighteen,~~
23 ~~inclusive;~~

24 ~~(5) in world war II from the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred~~
25 ~~forty-one to the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred forty-~~
26 ~~six, inclusive, or who was employed by the War Shipping Administration~~
27 ~~or Office of Defense Transportation or their agents as a merchant seaman~~
28 ~~documented by the United States Coast Guard or Department of Commerce,~~
29 ~~or as a civil servant employed by the United States Army Transport~~
30 ~~Service (later redesignated as the United States Army Transportation~~
31 ~~Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation Service; and who~~
32 ~~served satisfactorily as a crew member during the period of armed~~
33 ~~conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one, to August~~
34 ~~fifteenth, nineteen hundred forty-five, aboard merchant vessels in~~
35 ~~ocean-going, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such~~
36 ~~terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further~~
37 ~~to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,~~
38 ~~Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean-~~
39 ~~going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of~~
40 ~~Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an~~
41 ~~Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the Department of~~
42 ~~Defense, or who served as a United States civilian employed by the Amer-~~
43 ~~ican Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies and~~
44 ~~United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed~~
45 ~~conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one through May~~
46 ~~eighth, nineteen hundred forty-five, and who (i) was discharged or~~
47 ~~released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (ii) has a qualifying~~
48 ~~condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of this article,~~
49 ~~and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from~~
50 ~~such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in~~
51 ~~section three hundred fifty of this article, and has received a~~
52 ~~discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or~~
53 ~~who served as a United States civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground~~
54 ~~Support Employee of Pan American World Airways or one of its subsid-~~
55 ~~iaries or its affiliates and served overseas as a result of Pan Ameri-~~
56 ~~can's contract with Air Transport Command or Naval Air Transport Service~~

~~1 during the period of armed conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen
2 hundred forty one through August fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty
3 five, and who (iv) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable
4 conditions, or (v) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section
5 three hundred fifty of this article, and has received a discharge other
6 than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (vi) is a
7 discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of
8 this article, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
9 dishonorable from such service;~~

~~10 (6) in the Korean hostilities from the twenty-seventh day of June,
11 nineteen hundred fifty to the thirty first day of January, nineteen
12 hundred fifty five, inclusive;~~

~~13 (7) in the Vietnam conflict from the first day of November, nineteen
14 hundred fifty-five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-
15 five;~~

~~16 (8) in the Persian Gulf conflict from the second day of August, nine-
17 teen hundred ninety to the end of such conflict].~~

18 b. The word "veteran" shall also mean any person who meets the other
19 requirements of paragraph a of this subdivision, who served on active
20 duty for less than ninety days, if he or she was discharged or released
21 from such service for a service-connected disability [~~or who served for
22 a period of ninety consecutive days or more and such period began or
23 ended during any war or period of hostilities as defined in paragraph a
24 of this subdivision~~].

25 c. The term "active duty" as used in this article shall mean full time
26 duty in the armed forces, other than active duty for training; provided,
27 however, that "active duty" shall also include any period of active duty
28 for training during which the individual concerned was disabled or died
29 from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during such period.

30 § 19. Subdivision 1 of section 23 of the veterans' services law is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 1. a. The word "veteran" means a veteran as defined in section one of
33 this article who is a resident, and who (i) has been or may be released
34 from such service under other than dishonorable conditions, or (ii) has
35 a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of this article, and
36 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
37 such service, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in
38 section one of this article, and has received a discharge other than bad
39 conduct or dishonorable from such service[, and who (iv) was a recipient
40 of the armed forces expeditionary medal, the navy expeditionary medal or
41 the marine corps expeditionary medal for participation in operations in
42 Lebanon from June first, nineteen hundred eighty three to December
43 first, nineteen hundred eighty seven, in Grenada from October twenty-
44 third, nineteen hundred eighty-three to November twenty-first, nineteen
45 hundred eighty-three, or in Panama from December twentieth, nineteen
46 hundred eighty nine to January thirty first, nineteen hundred ninety, or
47 (v) served on active duty for ninety days or more in the uniformed
48 services of the United States during any one of the following wars or
49 hostilities:

~~50 (1) in the Spanish-American war from the twenty-first day of April,
51 eighteen hundred ninety eight to the eleventh day of April, eighteen
52 hundred ninety nine, inclusive;~~

~~53 (2) in the Philippine insurrection or the China relief expedition from
54 the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred ninety nine to the fourth
55 day of July, nineteen hundred two, inclusive;~~

1 ~~(3) in the Mexican border campaign from the ninth day of May, nineteen~~
2 ~~hundred sixteen, to the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred seventeen,~~
3 ~~inclusive;~~

4 ~~(4) in World War I from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred~~
5 ~~seventeen to the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred eighteen,~~
6 ~~inclusive;~~

7 ~~(5) in World War II from the seventh day of December, nineteen hundred~~
8 ~~forty one to the thirty first day of December, nineteen hundred forty~~
9 ~~six, inclusive, or who was employed by the War Shipping Administration~~
10 ~~or Office of Defense Transportation or their agents as a merchant seaman~~
11 ~~documented by the United States Coast Guard or Department of Commerce,~~
12 ~~or as a civil servant employed by the United States Army Transport~~
13 ~~Service (later redesignated as the United States Army Transportation~~
14 ~~Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation Service, and who~~
15 ~~served satisfactorily as a crew member during the period of armed~~
16 ~~conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty one, to August~~
17 ~~fifteenth, nineteen hundred forty five, aboard merchant vessels in~~
18 ~~ocean-going, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such~~
19 ~~terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further~~
20 ~~to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,~~
21 ~~Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean~~
22 ~~going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of~~
23 ~~Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an~~
24 ~~Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the Department of~~
25 ~~Defense, or who served as a United States civilian employed by the Amer~~
26 ~~ican Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies and~~
27 ~~United States Army Groups in World War II during the period of armed~~
28 ~~conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty one through May~~
29 ~~eighth, nineteen hundred forty five, and who (i) was discharged or~~
30 ~~released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (ii) has a qualifying~~
31 ~~condition, as defined in section one of this article, and has received a~~
32 ~~discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or~~
33 ~~(iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of this~~
34 ~~article, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or~~
35 ~~dishonorable from such service, or who served as a United States civil~~
36 ~~ian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employee of Pan American~~
37 ~~World Airways or one of its subsidiaries or its affiliates and served~~
38 ~~overseas as a result of Pan American's contract with Air Transport~~
39 ~~Command or Naval Air Transport Service during the period of armed~~
40 ~~conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty one through August~~
41 ~~fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty five, and who (iv) was discharged or~~
42 ~~released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (v) has a qualifying~~
43 ~~condition, as defined in section one of this article, and has received a~~
44 ~~discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or~~
45 ~~(vi) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of this~~
46 ~~article, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or~~
47 ~~dishonorable from such service;~~

48 ~~(6) in the Korean hostilities from the twenty seventh day of June,~~
49 ~~nineteen hundred fifty to the thirty first day of January, nineteen~~
50 ~~hundred fifty five, inclusive;~~

51 ~~(7) in the Vietnam conflict from the first day of November, nineteen~~
52 ~~hundred fifty five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy~~
53 ~~five;~~

54 ~~(8) in the Persian Gulf conflict from the second day of August, nine~~
55 ~~teen hundred ninety to the end of such conflict].~~

1 b. The word "veteran" shall also mean any person who meets the other
2 requirements of paragraph a of this subdivision, who served on active
3 duty for less than ninety days, if he or she was discharged or released
4 from such service for a service-connected disability [~~or who served for~~
5 ~~a period of ninety consecutive days or more and such period began or~~
6 ~~ended during any war or period of hostilities as defined in paragraph a~~
7 ~~of this subdivision~~].

8 c. The term "active duty" as used in this article shall mean full time
9 duty in the uniformed services, other than active duty for training;
10 provided, however, that "active duty" shall also include any period of
11 active duty for training during which the individual concerned was dis-
12 abled or died from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during such
13 period.

14 § 20. Paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 366 of the executive
15 law, as added by chapter 743 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 b. "Veteran" means a person, male or female, resident of this state,
18 who has served in the active military, naval or air service of the
19 United States [~~during a time of war in which the United States engaged~~]
20 and who has been released from such service otherwise than by dishonor-
21 able discharge, or who has been furloughed to the reserve;

22 § 21. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 32 of the general business law,
23 as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as
24 follows:

25 1. Every member of the armed forces of the United States who (a) was
26 honorably discharged from such service, or (b) has a qualifying condi-
27 tion, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,
28 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
29 such service, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section
30 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge
31 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, and who is a
32 resident of this state and a veteran [~~of any war, or who shall have~~
33 ~~served in the armed forces of the United States overseas~~], and the
34 surviving spouse of any such veteran, if a resident of the state, shall
35 have the right to hawk, peddle, vend and sell goods, wares or merchan-
36 dise or solicit trade upon the streets and highways within the county of
37 his or her residence, as the case may be, or if such county is embraced
38 wholly by a city, within such city, by procuring a license for that
39 purpose to be issued as herein provided. No part of the lands or prem-
40 ises under the jurisdiction of the division of the state fair in the
41 department of agriculture and markets, shall be deemed a street or high-
42 way within the meaning of this section.

43 2. Any such former member of the armed forces of the United States may
44 present to the clerk of any county in which he has resided for a period
45 of at least six months, his original certificate of release or discharge
46 from active duty, or a copy thereof duly certified by the recording
47 officer or a certificate in lieu of lost discharge issued by a depart-
48 ment of the armed forces of the United States which shall show that the
49 person presenting it is a veteran [~~of any war, or that he has served~~
50 ~~overseas in the armed forces of the United States~~]. He shall also fill
51 out a blank which shall when filled out state his name, residence at the
52 time of application, nature of goods to be sold, and if the applicant is
53 working on commission or percentage for any person, firm or corporation,
54 the name and business address of such person, firm or corporation. This
55 statement shall be signed by the applicant in the presence of the county
56 clerk, or a deputy designated by him, and the name on this application

1 and on the original certificate of release or discharge from active duty
2 shall be compared by the county clerk to ascertain if the person so
3 applying is the same person named in the original certificate of release
4 or discharge from active duty. Such county clerk when so satisfied shall
5 issue, without cost, to such former member of the armed forces of the
6 United States, a license certifying him to be entitled to the benefits
7 of this section.

8 § 22. Subdivision 1 of section 32 of the general business law, as
9 amended by section 55 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 1. Every member of the armed forces of the United States who (a) was
12 honorably discharged from such service, or (b) has a qualifying condi-
13 tion, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has
14 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
15 service, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one
16 of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than
17 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, and who is a resident of
18 this state and a veteran [~~of any war, or who shall have served in the~~
19 ~~armed forces of the United States overseas~~], and the surviving spouse of
20 any such veteran, if a resident of the state, shall have the right to
21 hawk, peddle, vend and sell goods, wares or merchandise or solicit trade
22 upon the streets and highways within the county of his or her residence,
23 as the case may be, or if such county is embraced wholly by a city,
24 within such city, by procuring a license for that purpose to be issued
25 as herein provided. No part of the lands or premises under the jurisdic-
26 tion of the division of the state fair in the department of agriculture
27 and markets, shall be deemed a street or highway within the meaning of
28 this section.

29 § 23. Subdivision 2 of section 238 of the military law, as amended by
30 chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

31 2. Any person, except members of the armed forces of the United
32 States, members of the organized militia of this or any other state,
33 personnel of the independent military organizations designated in
34 section two hundred forty of this article, members of associations whol-
35 ly composed of persons who (a) were honorably discharged from the armed
36 forces of the United States, or (b) have a qualifying condition, as
37 defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and have
38 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from the
39 armed forces of the United States, or (c) are discharged LGBT veterans,
40 as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and have
41 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from the
42 armed forces of the United States, and members of associations wholly
43 composed of sons of veterans [~~of any war of the United States~~], who
44 shall wear any uniform or any device, strap, knot or insignia of any
45 design or character used as a designation of grade, rank or office, such
46 as are by law or by regulation, duly promulgated, prescribed for the use
47 of the organized militia or similar thereto; or,

48 § 24. Section 245 of the military law, as amended by chapter 490 of
49 the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

50 § 245. Retirement allowances of certain [~~war~~] veterans. Any member of
51 a teachers' retirement system to which the city of New York is required
52 by law to make contributions on account of such member who (i) is an
53 honorably discharged member of any branch of the armed forces of the
54 United States, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section
55 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge
56 other than bad conduct or dishonorable, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT

1 veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,
2 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable,
3 [~~having served as such during the time of war~~] and who has attained the
4 age of fifty years, may retire upon his own request upon written appli-
5 cation to the board setting forth at what time not less than thirty days
6 subsequent to the execution and filing thereof he desires to be retired,
7 provided that such member at the time so specified for his retirement
8 shall have completed at least twenty-five years of allowable service.
9 Upon retirement such member shall receive an annuity of equivalent actu-
10 arial value to his accumulated deductions, and, in addition, a pension
11 beginning immediately, having a value equal to the present value of the
12 pension that would have become payable had he continued at his current
13 salary to the age at which he would have first become eligible for
14 service retirement, provided, however, that the said member on making
15 application for retirement shall pay into the retirement fund a sum of
16 money which calculated on an actuarial basis, together with his prior
17 contributions and other accumulations in said fund then to his credit,
18 shall be sufficient to entitle the said member to the same annuity and
19 pension that he would have received had he remained in the service of
20 the city until he had attained the age at which he otherwise would have
21 first become eligible for service retirement.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of any general,
23 special or local law or code to the contrary, a member of any such
24 teachers' retirement system who (i) is separated or discharged under
25 honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the United
26 States, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three
27 hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other
28 than bad conduct or dishonorable, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran,
29 as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has
30 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable, [~~having~~
31 ~~served as such during the time of war~~] and who has attained the age of
32 fifty years, may retire upon his own request upon written application to
33 the board setting forth at what time, not less than thirty days subse-
34 quent to the execution and filing thereof, he desires to be retired,
35 provided that such member at that time so specified for his retirement
36 shall have completed at least twenty-five years of allowable service.
37 Upon reaching his previously selected minimum retirement age, such
38 member shall receive an annuity of equivalent actuarial value, at that
39 time, to his accumulated deductions, and, in addition, a pension based
40 upon his credited years of allowable service, plus the pension-for-in-
41 creased-take-home-pay, if any. Should such member die before reaching
42 his retirement age, then any beneficiary under a selected option shall
43 be eligible for benefits under such option at the date upon which the
44 member would have reached his selected retirement age.

45 § 25. Section 245 of the military law, as amended by section 72 of
46 part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
47 follows:

48 § 245. Retirement allowances of certain [~~war~~] veterans. 1. Any member
49 of a teachers' retirement system to which the city of New York is
50 required by law to make contributions on account of such member who (i)
51 is an honorably discharged member of any branch of the armed forces of
52 the United States, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in
53 section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge
54 other than bad conduct or dishonorable, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT
55 veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and
56 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable, [~~having~~

1 ~~served as such during the time of war~~] and who has attained the age of
2 fifty years, may retire upon his or her own request upon written appli-
3 cation to the board setting forth at what time not less than thirty days
4 subsequent to the execution and filing thereof he or she desires to be
5 retired, provided that such member at the time so specified for his or
6 her retirement shall have completed at least twenty-five years of allow-
7 able service. Upon retirement such member shall receive an annuity of
8 equivalent actuarial value to his or her accumulated deductions, and, in
9 addition, a pension beginning immediately, having a value equal to the
10 present value of the pension that would have become payable had he or
11 she continued at his or her current salary to the age at which he or she
12 would have first become eligible for service retirement, provided,
13 however, that the said member on making application for retirement shall
14 pay into the retirement fund a sum of money which calculated on an actu-
15 arial basis, together with his or her prior contributions and other
16 accumulations in said fund then to his or her credit, shall be suffi-
17 cient to entitle the said member to the same annuity and pension that he
18 or she would have received had he or she remained in the service of the
19 city until he or she had attained the age at which he or she otherwise
20 would have first become eligible for service retirement.

21 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of any
22 general, special or local law or code to the contrary, a member of any
23 such teachers' retirement system who (i) is separated or discharged
24 under honorable conditions from any branch of the armed forces of the
25 United States, or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section
26 one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other
27 than bad conduct or dishonorable, or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran,
28 as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has
29 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable, [~~having~~
30 ~~served as such during the time of war~~] and who has attained the age of
31 fifty years, may retire upon his or her own request upon written appli-
32 cation to the board setting forth at what time, not less than thirty
33 days subsequent to the execution and filing thereof, he or she desires
34 to be retired, provided that such member at that time so specified for
35 his or her retirement shall have completed at least twenty-five years of
36 allowable service. Upon reaching his or her previously selected minimum
37 retirement age, such member shall receive an annuity of equivalent actu-
38 arial value, at that time, to his or her accumulated deductions, and, in
39 addition, a pension based upon his or her credited years of allowable
40 service, plus the pension-for-increased-take-home-pay, if any. Should
41 such member die before reaching his or her retirement age, then any
42 beneficiary under a selected option shall be eligible for benefits under
43 such option at the date upon which the member would have reached his or
44 her selected retirement age.

45 § 26. Section 246 of the military law, as amended by chapter 43 of the
46 laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

47 § 246. Leave of absence for public employees who are [~~war~~] veterans to
48 continue study. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the
49 contrary, every public officer and employee, who served in the armed
50 forces of the United States [~~on or after September sixteenth, nineteen~~
51 ~~hundred forty, and prior to the termination of hostilities in world war~~
52 ~~II, or during the period of hostilities engaged in by the armed forces~~
53 ~~of the United States on and after June twenty fifth, nineteen hundred~~
54 ~~fifty, or who served in the armed forces of the United States after~~
55 ~~January thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five, and]~~ who is eligible
56 under the provisions enacted by the congress of the United States known

1 as "Servicemen's Readjustment Act of nineteen hundred forty-four," or
2 "Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of nineteen hundred fifty-two,"
3 or "Veterans' Readjustment Benefits Act of nineteen hundred sixty-six,"
4 to continue the pursuit of studies or to take a refresher or retraining
5 course shall be granted a leave of absence from his position for the
6 period of such course of study, not to exceed four years. Such public
7 officer or employee shall be reinstated to his position provided he
8 makes application for such reinstatement within sixty days after the
9 termination of such course of study.

10 § 27. Section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation
11 law, as amended by chapter 649 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 § 13.19 Free use of campsites. Notwithstanding the provisions of any
14 other law, any person who is blind, non-ambulatory, or an amputee or any
15 veteran [~~of the wars of the United States~~], who has at any time been
16 awarded by the federal government an allowance towards the purchase of
17 an automobile or is eligible for such an award shall be permitted to use
18 any of the public campsites, parks and other public places of recreation
19 in this state, upon the same terms and conditions as apply to the gener-
20 al public, but without the payment of any fees or other charges for the
21 use of such campsites, parks and other public places of recreation.

22 § 28. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 458-a of the real
23 property tax law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (e) "Veteran" means a person (i) who served in the active military,
26 naval, or air service [~~during a period of war, or who was a recipient of~~
27 ~~the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine~~
28 ~~corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary~~
29 ~~medal,~~] and who (1) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable
30 conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section
31 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge
32 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a
33 discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of
34 the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct
35 or dishonorable from such service, (ii) who was employed by the War
36 Shipping Administration or Office of Defense Transportation or their
37 agents as a merchant seaman documented by the United States Coast Guard
38 or Department of Commerce, or as a civil servant employed by the United
39 States Army Transport Service (later redesignated as the United States
40 Army Transportation Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation
41 Service; and who served satisfactorily as a crew member during the peri-
42 od of armed conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one, to
43 August fifteenth, nineteen hundred forty-five, aboard merchant vessels
44 in oceangoing, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such
45 terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further
46 to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,
47 Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean-
48 going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of
49 Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an
50 Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the department of
51 defense, (iii) who served as a United States civilian employed by the
52 American Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies
53 and United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed
54 conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one through May
55 eighth, nineteen hundred forty-five, and who (1) was discharged or
56 released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying

1 condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive
2 law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
3 from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in
4 section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a
5 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, (iv)
6 who served as a United States civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground
7 Support Employee of Pan American World Airways or one of its subsidi-
8 aries or its affiliates and served overseas as a result of Pan Ameri-
9 can's contract with Air Transport Command or Naval Air Transport Service
10 during the period of armed conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen
11 hundred forty-one through August fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty-
12 five, and who (1) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable
13 conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section
14 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge
15 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a
16 discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of
17 the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct
18 or dishonorable from such service, or (v) notwithstanding any other
19 provision of law to the contrary, who are members of the reserve compo-
20 nents of the armed forces of the United States who (1) received an
21 honorable discharge or release therefrom under honorable conditions, or
22 (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred
23 fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad
24 conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT
25 veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law,
26 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
27 such service, but are still members of the reserve components of the
28 armed forces of the United States provided that such members meet all
29 other qualifications under the provisions of this section.

30 § 29. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 458-a of the real
31 property tax law, as amended by section 83 of part PP of chapter 56 of
32 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

33 (e) "Veteran" means a person (i) who served in the active military,
34 naval, or air service [~~during a period of war, or who was a recipient of~~
35 ~~the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine~~
36 ~~corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary~~
37 ~~medal,~~] and who (1) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable
38 conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one
39 of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than
40 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged
41 LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law,
42 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
43 such service, (ii) who was employed by the War Shipping Administration
44 or Office of Defense Transportation or their agents as a merchant seaman
45 documented by the United States Coast Guard or Department of Commerce,
46 or as a civil servant employed by the United States Army Transport
47 Service (later redesignated as the United States Army Transportation
48 Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation Service; and who
49 served satisfactorily as a crew member during the period of armed
50 conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one, to August
51 fifteenth, nineteen hundred forty-five, aboard merchant vessels in
52 oceangoing, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such
53 terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further
54 to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,
55 Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean-
56 going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of

1 Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an
2 Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the department of
3 defense, (iii) who served as a United States civilian employed by the
4 American Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies
5 and United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed
6 conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one through May
7 eighth, nineteen hundred forty-five, and who (1) was discharged or
8 released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying
9 condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and
10 has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from
11 such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section
12 one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other
13 than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, (iv) who served as a
14 United States civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employee
15 of Pan American World Airways or one of its subsidiaries or its affil-
16 iates and served overseas as a result of Pan American's contract with
17 Air Transport Command or Naval Air Transport Service during the period
18 of armed conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty-one
19 through August fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty-five, and who (1) was
20 discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (2) has
21 a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans'
22 services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
23 dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as
24 defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a
25 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or
26 (v) notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, who are
27 members of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United
28 States who (1) received an honorable discharge or release therefrom
29 under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as
30 defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a
31 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or
32 (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the
33 veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad
34 conduct or dishonorable from such service, but are still members of the
35 reserve components of the armed forces of the United States provided
36 that such members meet all other qualifications under the provisions of
37 this section.

38 § 30. Subdivision 1 of section 168 of the social services law, as
39 amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as
40 follows:

41 1. Veteran means a person, male or female, who has served in the armed
42 forces of the United States [~~in time of war~~], or who was a recipient of
43 the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal or marine
44 corps expeditionary medal for participation in operations in Lebanon
45 from June first, nineteen hundred eighty-three to December first, nine-
46 teen hundred eighty-seven, in Grenada from October twenty-third, nine-
47 teen hundred eighty-three to November twenty-first, nineteen hundred
48 eighty-three, or in Panama from December twentieth, nineteen hundred
49 eighty-nine to January thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety, and who
50 (1) has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circum-
51 stances from such service or furloughed to the reserve, or (2) has a
52 qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the
53 executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
54 dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as
55 defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has

1 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
2 service.

3 § 31. Subdivision 1 of section 168 of the social services law, as
4 amended by section 86 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 1. Veteran means a person, male or female, who has served in the armed
7 forces of the United States [~~in time of war~~], or who was a recipient of
8 the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal or marine
9 corps expeditionary medal for participation in operations in Lebanon
10 from June first, nineteen hundred eighty-three to December first, nine-
11 teen hundred eighty-seven, in Grenada from October twenty-third, nine-
12 teen hundred eighty-three to November twenty-first, nineteen hundred
13 eighty-three, or in Panama from December twentieth, nineteen hundred
14 eighty-nine to January thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety, and who
15 (1) has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circum-
16 stances from such service or furloughed to the reserve, or (2) has a
17 qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans'
18 services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
19 dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as
20 defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a
21 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service.

22 § 32. Subdivision 3 of section 404-a of the vehicle and traffic law,
23 as added by chapter 601 of the laws of 1987, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 3. Registration of vehicles owned by severely disabled veterans. The
26 commissioner shall assign to such motor vehicles, including any vans or
27 pick-up trucks used for transporting handicapped veterans which are not
28 used for commercial purposes and which are owned by such veterans or a
29 not-for-profit corporation serving such veterans, a distinctive number
30 and issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may prescribe
31 to the owner a certification of registration, in such form as the
32 commissioner shall prescribe and two number plates, called disabled
33 veteran plates. Said severely disabled veteran plates shall conform to
34 the requirements of section four hundred one of this chapter, but shall
35 bear distinctive marks to distinguish them from number plates to be
36 issued to other persons, qualifying under this [~~chapter~~] article. The
37 commissioner in his discretion, may issue, for any registration year,
38 only one plate as a set for a motor vehicle, in which event a set of
39 severely disabled veteran plates for a motor vehicle shall consist of
40 one plate. Where a severely disabled veteran owns more than one vehicle
41 and such vehicle or vehicles is or are used by severely disabled members
42 of the owner's family who reside with the owner, the commissioner shall
43 issue one set of plates for each additional vehicle used by such severe-
44 ly disabled veteran, provided that such user qualifies as a severely
45 disabled veteran in the manner required by this section. For purposes of
46 this subdivision, the term "severely disabled veteran" shall mean any
47 member of the armed forces of the United States [~~who served in time of~~
48 ~~war, as defined in section eighty five of the civil service law, and~~]
49 whose disability qualifies him as a severely disabled person within the
50 meaning of such term as defined in subdivision four of this section.

51 § 33. Paragraphs f and g of subdivision 6 of section 54 of the work-
52 ers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 205 of the laws of 1993,
53 are amended to read as follows:

54 f. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph a of this subdivision
55 or any other provision of this chapter, any executive officer of a reli-
56 gious, charitable or educational corporation and the officers of a

1 municipal corporation, and officers of any post or chapter of organiza-
2 tions of veterans [~~of any war~~] of the United States may be brought with-
3 in the coverage of the insurance contract as if they were employees by
4 any such corporation filing with the insurance carrier, upon a form
5 prescribed by the chair of the workers' compensation board, a notice
6 that the corporation elects to bring one or more executive officers of
7 such corporation named in the notice within the coverage of this chap-
8 ter. Such election shall be effective with respect to all policies
9 issued to such corporation by such insurance carrier as long as it shall
10 continuously insure the corporation. If such election is revoked, it
11 shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the chair and filed with the
12 chair and with the insurance carrier and a copy thereof furnished to
13 each officer as to whom such revocation is applicable, upon a form
14 prescribed by the chair. Such revocation shall not be effective until
15 thirty days after such filing. The estimation of the wage values of
16 executive officers within the coverage of the insurance contract shall
17 be reasonable and separately stated and added to the valuation of the
18 payrolls upon which the premium is computed.

19 g. The executive officers brought within the coverage of the insurance
20 contract, and the dependents of any such executive officers, including
21 executive officers of religious, charitable or educational corporations
22 and officers of municipal corporations, and officers of any post or
23 chapter of organizations of veterans [~~of any war~~] of the United States
24 that have elected to bring their officers within the coverage of the
25 policy, shall have the same rights and remedies as any employee and
26 shall be entitled to compensation and medical care as provided by this
27 chapter, and the insurance carrier shall be liable therefor and for
28 payments into the special funds provided in this chapter as in the case
29 of an employee. The executive officers who may be brought within the
30 coverage of an insurance contract shall include an officer of a corpo-
31 ration who at all times during the period involved between them owns all
32 of the issued and outstanding stock of the corporation and holds all of
33 the offices pursuant to paragraph (e) of section seven hundred fifteen
34 of the business corporation law or two executive officers of a corpo-
35 ration who at all times during the period involved between them own all
36 of the issued and outstanding stock of such corporation and hold all
37 such offices and who is the executive officer or who are the executive
38 officers of a corporation that has no other persons who are employees
39 required to be covered under this chapter.

40 § 34. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that
41 sections three, five, seven, nine, twelve, fifteen, seventeen, nineteen,
42 twenty-two, twenty-five, twenty-nine and thirty-one of this act shall
43 take effect on the same date and in the same manner as part PP of chap-
44 ter 56 of the laws of 2022 take effect; provided further, however, that
45 the amendments to article 17 of the executive law made by sections thir-
46 teen, fourteen, sixteen, eighteen and twenty of this act shall not
47 affect the repeal of such article and shall be deemed repealed there-
48 with.