STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 16, 2021

Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to exempting certain members of the armed forces and dependents to operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle on the public highways of this state without being licensed in New York

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

Section 1. Section 251 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. A member of the armed forces and any dependent of such person sixteen years of age or older who has complied with the laws of a state, territory, federal district or foreign country which require such person, in order to operate a motor vehicle or motorcycle therein, to be licensed, may operate or drive a motor vehicle or motorcycle on the public highways of this state without being so licensed under this chapter. Provided, however, that the recognition granted under this subdivision shall, with respect to a person under the age of eighteen years, only permit the operation of a motor vehicle or motorcycle in this state in accordance with the same restrictions imposed upon New York residents operating or driving motor vehicles or motorcycles with class DJ or MJ licenses under subdivision three of section five hundred one of this chapter. The exemption granted in this subdivision shall not apply to persons whose privilege of operating a motor vehicle in this state, or whose former license to drive in this state, has been suspended or revoked, until such suspension or revocation has been terminated or privilege of operating a motor vehicle restored. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision four of this section, for purposes of this subdivision, "member of the armed forces" shall mean a person on active duty, other than annual active duty for training, in a branch of the armed forces of the United States and "dependent" shall mean a spouse or child of a member of the armed forces residing in the same household and dependent upon such member of the armed forces for support.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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