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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to establishing a  
giving internships for disabled veterans not fully employed program  
(G.I.V.E. Back NY)

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

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

### ARTICLE 6-B

#### GIVING INTERNSHIPS FOR DISABLED VETERANS

#### NOT FULLY EMPLOYED PROGRAM

#### (G.I.V.E. BACK NY)

7 Section 97. Giving internships for disabled veterans not fully  
8 employed program (G.I.V.E. Back NY).

9 § 97. Giving internships for disabled veterans not fully employed  
10 program (G.I.V.E. Back NY). 1. There is hereby established within the  
11 legislature a G.I.V.E. Back NY program to provide opportunities for  
12 service-disabled veterans to participate in the assembly youth partic-  
13 ipation program and the senate student program. Such program shall award  
14 ten percent of available internships in the assembly youth participation  
15 program and the senate student program to eligible honorably discharged  
16 veterans with service-connected disabilities. Veterans who are awarded  
17 internships pursuant to the G.I.V.E. Back NY program shall receive a  
18 stipend that is equivalent to the stipend awarded to graduate student  
19 participants in the assembly youth participation program and senate  
20 student program for a one semester internship.

21 2. To be eligible to participate in the G.I.V.E. Back NY program, a  
22 candidate shall:

23 (a) be honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States  
24 with service-connected disabilities as determined by the United States

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

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1 department of veterans affairs or the United States department of  
2 defense;

3 (b) be unemployed or underemployed;

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

6 (d) submit an application for participation in the G.I.V.E. Back NY  
7 program to the senate or assembly. Such application shall be made in a  
8 manner and form as determined by the senate and the assembly.

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

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.