

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the hire a vet grant program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 369-f
2 to read as follows:

3 § 369-f. Hire a vet grant. 1. Allowance of grant. A municipality shall
4 be allowed a grant equivalent to the credit provided to eligible taxpay-
5 ers in the "hire a vet credit" as established in subdivision twenty-nine
6 of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, where such municipality
7 hires and employs, for not less than one year and for not less than
8 thirty-five hours each week, a qualified veteran within the state. The
9 municipality may claim the grant in the year in which the qualified
10 veteran completes one year of employment with the municipality.

11 2. Qualified veteran. A qualified veteran is an individual:

12 (a) who served on active duty in the United States army, navy, air
13 force, marine corps, coast guard or the reserves thereof, or who served
14 in active military service of the United States as a member of the army
15 national guard, air national guard, New York guard or New York naval
16 militia; who (i) was released from active duty by general or honorable
17 discharge after September eleventh, two thousand one; or (ii) has a
18 qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of this
19 chapter, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
20 dishonorable from such service after September eleventh, two thousand
21 one; or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three
22 hundred fifty of this chapter, and has received a discharge other than
23 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service after September eleventh,
24 two thousand one;

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

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1 (b) who commences employment with the municipality on or after January
2 first, two thousand twenty-two, and before January first, two thousand
3 twenty-four; and

4 (c) who certifies by signed affidavit, under penalty of perjury, that
5 he or she has not been employed for thirty-five or more hours during any
6 week in the one hundred eighty day period immediately prior to his or
7 her employment by the municipality.

8 3. Prohibition. A municipality shall not discharge an employee and
9 hire a qualifying veteran solely for the purpose of qualifying for this
10 grant. This section shall not be deemed to amend, modify or supersede
11 any other law which prescribes the qualifications which a person must
12 have to be appointed to a position subject to the civil service law.

13 4. Amount of grant. The amount of the grant shall be ten percent of
14 the total amount of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the
15 veteran's first full year of employment. Provided, however, that, if the
16 qualified veteran is a disabled veteran, as defined in paragraph (b) of
17 subdivision one of section eighty-five of the civil service law, the
18 amount of the grant shall be fifteen percent of the total amount of
19 wages paid to the qualified veteran during the veteran's first full year
20 of employment. The grant allowed pursuant to this subdivision shall not
21 exceed in any year, five thousand dollars for any qualified veteran and
22 fifteen thousand dollars for any qualified veteran who is a disabled
23 veteran.

24 5. Definitions. For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any
25 county, city, town, village or school district.

26 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
27 deemed repealed January 1, 2025.