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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

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

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1 qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of this
2 chapter, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
3 dishonorable from such service after September eleventh, two thousand
4 one; or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three
5 hundred fifty of this chapter, and has received a discharge other than
6 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service after September eleventh,
7 two thousand one;

8 (b) who commences employment with the municipality on or after January
9 first, two thousand twenty-three, and before January first, two thousand
10 twenty-five; and

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

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

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

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

33 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
34 deemed repealed January 1, 2026.