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Introduced by Sens. JORDAN, ADDABBO, AKSHAR, GALLIVAN, GRIFFO, HELMING  
-- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to  
the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the military law, in relation to the issuance of a New  
York State Vietnam War Service Medal

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

1 Section 1. Section 247 of the military law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 1-d to read as follows:

3 1-d. The adjutant general is hereby authorized to present in the name  
4 of the legislature of the state of New York, a medal, to be known as the  
5 "New York State Vietnam War Service Medal", bearing a suitable  
6 inscription, to any person: (i) who is a citizen of the state of New  
7 York; or (ii) who was a citizen of the state of New York while serving  
8 in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) who served in the United  
9 States Armed Forces, defined as army, air force, navy, marine corps, or  
10 coast guard, or the organized militia on active duty abroad in the Viet-  
11 nam War during the period of time from November first, nineteen hundred  
12 fifty-five through April thirtieth, nineteen hundred seventy-five; and  
13 (iv) who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circum-  
14 stances during the Vietnam War. Not more than one New York State Vietnam  
15 War Service Medal shall be awarded or presented, under the provisions of  
16 this subdivision, to any person whose entire service subsequent to the  
17 time of the receipt of such medal shall not have been honorable. For  
18 each succeeding star as provided herein, such person shall be entitled  
19 to wear, as the chief of staff of the state may direct, a ribbon whose  
20 color and design shall be selected by the division of military and naval  
21 affairs. In the event of the death of any person during or subsequent to  
22 the receipt of such certificate it shall be presented to such represen-  
23 tative of the deceased as may be designated. The adjutant general, in  
24 consultation with the director of the division of veterans' affairs,

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

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1 shall make such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary for the  
2 proper presentation and distribution of such medals.

3 § 2. Subdivision 4 of section 247 of the military law, as amended by  
4 chapter 332 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

5 4. This section shall not be construed to require that a recipient of  
6 the conspicuous service cross, the conspicuous service star, the Cold  
7 War Certificate ~~[or]~~, the New York State Silver Rose Veterans Service  
8 Certificate or the New York State Vietnam Service Medal has been a resi-  
9 dent of the state of New York at the time of his or her entry into the  
10 United States army, air force, navy, marine corps, or nurses corps.

11 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
12 it shall have become a law. The division of military and naval affairs  
13 is authorized to promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take  
14 any other measures necessary to implement the provisions of this act on  
15 its effective date on or before such date.