

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 8, 2022

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to waiving the state application fee for all civil service examinations for all veterans

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 50 of the civil  
2 service law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended  
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
5 sion, the state civil service department, subject to the approval of the  
6 director of the budget, a municipal commission, subject to the approval  
7 of the governing board or body of the city or county, as the case may  
8 be, or a regional commission or personnel officer, pursuant to govern-  
9 mental agreement, may elect to waive application fees, or to abolish  
10 fees for specific classes of positions or types of examinations or  
11 candidates, or to establish a uniform schedule of reasonable fees  
12 different from those prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subdivision,  
13 specifying in such schedule the classes of positions or types of exam-  
14 inations or candidates to which such fees shall apply; provided, howev-  
15 er, that fees shall be waived for candidates who certify to the state  
16 civil service department, a municipal commission or a regional commis-  
17 sion that they are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support  
18 of a household, or are receiving public assistance. Provided further,  
19 the state civil service department shall waive the state application fee  
20 for all examinations [~~for original appointment~~] for all veterans.  
21 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of this  
22 section, the term "veteran" shall mean a person who has served in the  
23 armed forces of the United States or the reserves thereof, or in the  
24 army national guard, air national guard, New York guard, or the New York  
25 naval militia, and who (1) has been honorably discharged or released  
26 from such service under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying  
27 condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive  
28 law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable

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

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1 from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in  
2 section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a  
3 discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service. The  
4 term "armed forces" shall mean the army, navy, air force, marine corps,  
5 and coast guard.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.