STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

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 veterans' services 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:

Section 1. The veterans' services law is amended by adding a new section 36 to read as follows:

§ 36. Hire a vet grant. 1. Allowance of grant. A municipality shall be allowed a grant equivalent to the credit provided to eligible taxpayers in the "hire a vet credit" as established in subdivision twenty-nine of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, where such municipality hires and employs, for not less than twelve continuous and uninterrupted months (hereinafter referred to as the "twelve-month period") in a full-time or part-time position, a qualified veteran within the state. The municipality may claim the grant in the year in which the qualified veteran completes the twelve-month period of employment with the municipality.

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

(a) who served on active duty in the United States army, navy, air force, space force, marine corps, coast guard or the reserves thereof, or who served in active military service of the United States as a member of the army national guard, air national guard, New York guard or New York naval militia, or who served in the active uniformed services of the United States as a member of the commissioned corps of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration or the commissioned corps of the United States public health service; who (i) was released from active duty by general or honorable discharge; or (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of this chapter, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such

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

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service; or (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of this chapter, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service;

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

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

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

4. Amount of grant. (a) The amount of the grant shall be fifteen percent of the total amount of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the veteran's first twelve-month period of employment. Provided, however, that, if the qualified veteran is a disabled veteran, as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section eighty-five of the civil service law, the amount of the grant shall be twenty percent of the total amount of wages paid to the qualified veteran during the veteran's first twelve-month period of employment.

(b) The grant allowed pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed in any year:

(i) fifteen thousand dollars for any qualified veteran, other than a disabled veteran, employed in a full-time position for one thousand eight hundred twenty or more hours in one twelve-month period;

(ii) twenty thousand dollars for any qualified veteran who is a disabled veteran employed in a full-time position for one thousand eight hundred twenty or more hours in one twelve-month period;

(iii) seven thousand five hundred dollars for any qualified veteran, other than a disabled veteran, employed in a part-time position for at least one thousand forty hours but not more than one thousand eight hundred nineteen hours in one twelve-month period; and

(iv) ten thousand dollars for any qualified veteran who is a disabled veteran employed in a part-time position for at least one thousand forty hours but not more than one thousand eight hundred nineteen hours in one twelve-month period.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 2 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, takes effect; and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2027.