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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO, BRABENEC, D. ROSENTHAL, JEAN-PIERRE, McMAHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Real Property Taxation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to establishing a real property tax exemption for veterans who have a one hundred percent service connected disability

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

| 1 | Section 1. Section 458-a of the real property tax law is amended by |
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| 2 | adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows: |
| 3 | 11. A county, city, town, village or school district may adopt a local |
| 4 | law or resolution to include the primary residence of any seriously |
| 5 | <u>disabled veteran who:</u> |
| б | (a)(i) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable condi- |
| 7 | tions; |
| 8 | (ii) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the |
| 9 | veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad |
| 10 | <u>conduct or dishonorable from such service; or</u> |
| 11 | (iii) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the |
| 12 | veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad |
| 13 | conduct or dishonorable from such service; and |
| 14 | (b) (i) is considered to be permanently and totally disabled as a |
| 15 | <u>result of military service;</u> |
| 16 | (ii) is rated one hundred percent disabled by the United States |
| 17 | <u>department of veterans affairs;</u> |
| 18 | (iii) has been rated by the United States department of veterans |
| 19 | affairs as individually unemployable; and |
| 20 | (iv) who is eligible for pecuniary assistance from the United States |
| 21 | government, or has received pecuniary assistance from the United States |
| 22 | government and has applied such assistance toward the acquisition or |

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

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| 1 | modification of a suitable housing unit with special features or movable |
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| 2 | facilities made necessary by the nature of the veterans' disability and |
| 3 | the necessary law therefor shall be fully exempt from taxation and |
| 4 | special district charges, assessments and special ad valorem levies, |
| 5 | provided that such veteran meets all other requirements of this section. |
| 6 | § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to assess- |
| 7 | ment rolls prepared on and after January 2, 2024. |