

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, McMAHON, THIELE, D. ROSENTHAL, SIMPSON, MIKULIN, DURSO, COLTON, SILLITTI, SAYEGH, McDONALD, SIMON -- 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 clarifying the definition of veteran to include career members of the armed forces for purposes of the veterans alternative tax exemption

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subdivision 1 of section 458-a of the real  
2 property tax law, as amended by section 83 of part PP of chapter 56 of  
3 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4 (e) "Veteran" means a person (i) who served in the active military,  
5 naval, or air service during a period of war, or who was a recipient of  
6 the armed forces expeditionary medal, navy expeditionary medal, marine  
7 corps expeditionary medal, or global war on terrorism expeditionary  
8 medal, and who (1) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable  
9 conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one  
10 of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than  
11 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged  
12 LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law,  
13 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
14 such service, (ii) who was employed by the War Shipping Administration  
15 or Office of Defense Transportation or their agents as a merchant seaman  
16 documented by the United States Coast Guard or Department of Commerce,  
17 or as a civil servant employed by the United States Army Transport  
18 Service (later redesignated as the United States Army Transportation  
19 Corps, Water Division) or the Naval Transportation Service; and who  
20 served satisfactorily as a crew member during the period of armed  
21 conflict, December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one, to August

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

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15th, 1945, aboard merchant vessels in  
ocean-going, i.e., foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such  
terms are defined under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further  
to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada,  
Mexico, or the West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in ocean-  
going service or foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of  
Release or Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an  
Honorable Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the department of  
defense, (iii) who served as a United States civilian employed by the  
American Field Service and served overseas under United States Armies  
and United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed  
conflict, December seventh, 1941 through May  
eighth, 1945, and who (1) was discharged or  
released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying  
condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and  
has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section  
one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other  
than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, (iv) who served as a  
United States civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employee  
of Pan American World Airways or one of its subsidiaries or its affil-  
iates and served overseas as a result of Pan American's contract with  
Air Transport Command or Naval Air Transport Service during the period  
of armed conflict, December fourteenth, 1941 through August fourteenth,  
1945, and who (1) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable  
conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one  
of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than  
bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged  
LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law,  
and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from  
such service, [ex]  
(v) notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, who are  
members of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United  
States who (1) received an honorable discharge or release therefrom  
under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as  
defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a  
discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or  
(3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the  
veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad  
conduct or dishonorable from such service, but are still members of the  
reserve components of the armed forces of the United States provided  
that such members meet all other qualifications under the provisions of  
this section, or (vi) who shall be considered to have been discharged or  
released from active military service of the United States under honor-  
able conditions if: (1) the individual served in the active military  
service of the United States for the period of time such individual was  
obligated to serve at the time of entry into service; (2) the indi-  
vidual was not discharged or released from such service at the time of  
completing such period of obligation due to an intervening enlistment  
or reenlistment; (3) the individual would have been eligible for a  
discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable at such  
time except for such intervening enlistment or reenlistment; and (4) the  
individual served in the active military service of the United States  
for a period of at least ten years, provided that such individual meets  
all other qualifications under the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.