

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SLATER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to expanding eligibility under the veterans tuition awards program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph d-1 to read as follows:

3 d-1. "Veteran" means a person who: (i) is a resident of the state;  
4 (ii) served in the armed forces of the United States; (iii) was a resi-  
5 dent of the state immediately prior to his or her entry into such armed  
6 forces; and (iv) received an honorable discharge from the branch of the  
7 armed forces of the United States in which he or she served.

8 § 2. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 669-a of the education  
9 law, as amended by section 3 of part N of chapter 57 of the laws of  
10 2008, is amended to read as follows:

11 a. Tuition awards are available for all Vietnam veterans, Persian Gulf  
12 veterans, Afghanistan [~~and~~] veterans, other eligible combat veterans,  
13 [~~as defined in subdivision one of this section~~] and veterans, who are  
14 enrolled, pursuant to paragraph a of subdivision four of section six  
15 hundred sixty-one of this part, in approved undergraduate or graduate  
16 programs at degree granting institutions or enrolled in approved voca-  
17 tional training programs and who apply for a tuition assistance program  
18 award pursuant to section six hundred sixty-seven of this subpart.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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