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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CHANG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to waiving application fees for individuals who certify they are unemployed

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 section 35 of part PP of chapter 56 of the
3 laws of 2022, is amended 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 examinations for original appointment for all veterans. Notwith-
21 standing any other provision of law, for purposes of this section, the
22 term "veteran" shall mean a person who has served in the armed forces of
23 the United States or the reserves thereof, or in the army national
24 guard, air national guard, New York guard, or the New York naval mili-
25 tia, and who (1) has been honorably discharged or released from such

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

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1 service under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition,
2 as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has
3 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such
4 service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one
5 of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than
6 bad conduct or dishonorable from such service. The term "armed forces"
7 shall mean the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard.
8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
9 if section 35 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 shall not
10 have taken effect on or before such date then section one of this act
11 shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chap-
12 ter of the laws of 2022, takes effect.