STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 11, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. JEAN-PIERRE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to the term veteran and Gold Star families and the free use of campsites

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 13.19 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, as amended by a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the parks, recreation and historic preservation law relating to Gold Star families, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 3309-a and A. 6084-a, is amended to read as follows:

2. For the purposes of this section **(a)** "veteran" shall[~~: (a) have the same meaning~~] **mean a resident of this state who is: (i) a veteran** as such term is defined in section one of the veterans' services law [~~and shall be a resident of this state who has served on active duty or ordered to active duty and has been discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or 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 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~~]; or [~~(b) mean an individual~~] **(ii) a person** who has served on active duty [~~or ordered to active duty~~] for the state as a member of the state organized militia as defined in subdivision nine of section one of the military law and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable**; or (iii) a person who has served on active duty in the uniformed services of the United States or on active duty for the state as a member of the organized militia and 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 is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans'**

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

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services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; and

(b) "member of a Gold Star family" shall mean a resident of this state who is a gold star parent as defined in section twenty-six of the veterans' services law, the spouse or domestic partner, or the biological, step, or legally adopted minor child of a veteran whose death qualified the parent for an annuity.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the parks, recreation and historic preservation law relating to Gold Star families, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 3309-a and A. 6084-a, takes effect.