

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

April 23, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to employment of persons and veterans with disabilities by the state

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 55-b of the civil service law, as  
2 separately amended by section 1 of part T of chapter 55 and chapter 521  
3 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

4 1. The commission may determine up to [~~seventeen-hundred~~] five thou-  
5 sand positions with duties such as can be performed by persons with a  
6 physical or mental disability who are found otherwise qualified to  
7 perform satisfactorily the duties of any such position. Positions desig-  
8 nated to be filled pursuant to this section may be filled on a full-time  
9 or part-time basis. Upon such determination the said positions shall be  
10 classified in the noncompetitive class, and may be filled only by  
11 persons who shall have been certified by the employee health service of  
12 the department as being a person with either a physical or mental disa-  
13 bility. The number of persons appointed pursuant to this section shall  
14 not exceed [~~seventeen-hundred~~] five thousand.

15 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 55-c of the civil service law, as sepa-  
16 rately amended by chapters 521 and 618 of the laws of 2023, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 1. The commission may determine up to [~~five-hundred~~] two thousand  
19 positions with duties such as can be performed by disabled veterans and  
20 veterans with disabilities who are found otherwise qualified to perform  
21 satisfactorily the duties of any such position. Positions designated to  
22 be filled pursuant to this section may be filled on a full-time or part-  
23 time basis. Upon such determination, the said positions shall be classi-  
24 fied in the noncompetitive class, and may be filled only by veterans of  
25 the armed forces of the United States (a) who establish by appropriate  
26 documentary evidence that they are disabled veterans, as defined in  
27 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section eighty-five of this chapter,  
28 or (b) by those veterans, as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one

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

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1 of section eighty-five of this chapter, who shall have been certified by  
2 the employee health service of the department as being disabled but  
3 capable of performing the duties of said positions. Priority in certifi-  
4 cation and referral of both such disabled veterans and certified disa-  
5 bled but capable veterans shall be given to those veterans who received  
6 a wound in combat, as documented by the awarding of the purple heart, as  
7 authorized by the United States department of defense, and that wound is  
8 the cause of, or a substantially contributing factor to, the degree of  
9 impairment, who otherwise meet the requirements of this section. The  
10 number of veterans appointed pursuant to this section shall not exceed  
11 [~~five hundred~~] two thousand.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.