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

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to defining veteran

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 1 of the veterans' services law is amended to read as follows:

3. The term "veteran" means a person who served on active duty in the uniformed services of the United States, or **who served** in the army national guard, air national guard, **New York guard or New York naval militia for at least twenty years of service, part of which was during any war or period of hostilities,** or service as a commissioned officer in the public health service, commissioned officer of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration or environmental sciences services administration, cadet at a United States armed forces service academy, and who has been released from such service under other than dishonorable conditions.

§ 2. 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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