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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to eligibility for  
admission to New York state veterans' homes

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 2632 of the  
2 public health law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 57 of  
3 the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

4 (h) in the Persian Gulf conflict from the second day of August, nine-  
5 teen hundred ninety to the end of such conflict including military  
6 service in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Opera-  
7 tion New Dawn or Operation Inherent Resolve and was the recipient of the  
8 global war on terrorism expeditionary medal or the Iraq campaign medal  
9 or the Afghanistan campaign medal; and who was a resident of the state  
10 of New York at the time of entry upon such active duty or who shall have  
11 been a resident of this state for six months next preceding the applica-  
12 tion for admission or who has an immediate family member who shall have  
13 been a resident of this state for one year prior to the date of applica-  
14 tion for admission, provided that for purposes of this paragraph an  
15 immediate family member shall include a spouse, birth parent, adoptive  
16 parent, child, sibling, stepparent, stepchild, stepsibling, grandparent  
17 and grandchild, shall be entitled to admission to said home after the  
18 approval of the application by the board of visitors, subject to the  
19 provisions of this article and to the conditions, limitations and penal-  
20 ties prescribed by the regulations of the department. Any such veteran  
21 or dependent, who otherwise fulfills the requirements set forth in this  
22 section, may be admitted directly to the skilled nursing facility or the  
23 health related facility provided such veteran or dependent is certified  
24 by a physician designated or approved by the department to require the  
25 type of care provided by such facilities.

26 § 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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