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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BUTTENSCHON, LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to exempting veterans from application fees for admission to the state university

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph h of subdivision 2 of section  
2 355 of the education law, as separately amended by chapters 552 and 616  
3 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

4 (2) Such regulations shall also provide that upon request by a student  
5 who is an eligible veteran the payment of tuition and other fees and  
6 charges, less the amounts payable for such purposes from scholarships or  
7 other financial assistance awarded said veteran pursuant to article  
8 thirteen of this chapter, article one hundred thirty of this chapter or  
9 any other state or federal aid program, shall be deferred in such  
10 amounts and until such times as the several payments of veterans' bene-  
11 fits under the Veterans' Readjustment Benefit Act of 1966, as amended,  
12 are received by the veteran, provided that the veteran has filed a claim  
13 for such benefits and presents to the state university proof of eligi-  
14 bility, extent of entitlement to benefits and the need for deferral  
15 until the receipt of such benefits. An eligible veteran shall also be  
16 exempt from the payment of any application fees for admission to any  
17 state university.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
19 have become a law.

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

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