STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to including veterans in the definition of military status for purposes of unlawful discrimination

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

Section 1. Subdivision 28 of section 292 of the executive law, as added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

28. The term "military status" when used in this article means a person's participation in the military service of the United States or the military service of the state, including but not limited to, the armed forces of the United States, the army national guard, the air national guard, the New York naval militia, the New York guard, **service as a commissioned officer in the public health service, commissioned officer of the national oceanic and atmospheric administration or commissioned officer of the environmental sciences services administration, a cadet at a United States armed forces services academy,** and such additional forces as may be created by the federal or state government as authorized by law. **"Military status" shall also include a person's participation in the military service of the United States or the military service of the state if such person has been released from such service.**

§ 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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