STATE OF NEW YORK

5437

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 14, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to extending the pilot program to examine the effects of waiving the state civil service examination fee; and to amend part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023 amending the civil service law relating to waiving state civil service examination fees between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 50 of the civil service law, as amended by section 1 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the state civil service department, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, a municipal commission, subject to the approval of the governing board or body of the city or county, as the case may be, or a regional commission or personnel officer, pursuant to governmental agreement, may elect to waive application fees, or to abolish fees for specific classes of positions or types of examinations or candidates, or to establish a uniform schedule of reasonable fees different from those prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, specifying in such schedule the classes of positions or types of examinations or candidates to which such fees shall apply; provided, however, that fees shall be waived for candidates who certify to the state civil service department, a municipal commission or a regional commission that they are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household, or are receiving public assistance. Provided further, the state civil service department shall waive the state application fee for examinations for original appointment for all veterans. Provided further, the state civil service department shall, and a municipal

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

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commission may, subject to the approval of the governing board or body of the city or county, as the case may be, or a regional commission or personnel officer, pursuant to governmental agreement, waive application fees for all examinations held between July first, two thousand twenty-three and December thirty-first, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-seven. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of this section, the term "veteran" shall mean a person who has served in the armed forces of the United States or the reserves thereof, or in the army national guard, air national guard, New York guard, or the New York naval militia, and who (1) has been honorably discharged or released from such service under honorable conditions, or (2) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service. The term "armed forces" shall mean the army, navy, air force, marine corps, and coast guard.

§ 2. Section 2 of part EE of chapter 55 of the laws of 2023 amending the civil service law relating to waiving state civil service examination fees between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed on December 31, [~~2025~~] 2027; provided that this act shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2023.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 50 of the civil service law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subdivision and shall be deemed to expire therewith.