

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to establishing a supplemental burial allowance for certain first responders

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

1 Section 1. The section heading and subdivision 1 of section 8 of the  
2 veterans' services law are amended to read as follows:  
3 New York state supplemental burial allowance for members of the  
4 uniformed services of the United States killed in combat or duty subject  
5 to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC § 310 and for  
6 certain certified first responders. 1. As used in this section,  
7 "parent" means a father, a mother, a father through adoption, a mother  
8 through adoption, or an individual who, for a period of not less than  
9 one year, at any time before the decedent's entry into active military  
10 service or at any time before September eleventh, two thousand one,  
11 stood in the relationship of a parent to a decedent who died in combat  
12 or duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC  
13 § 310, or who died from a wound incurred in combat or while serving on  
14 duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger, as defined in 37 USC §  
15 310, or who was a certified first responder who died as a result of a  
16 certified World Trade Center medical condition or, if two persons stood  
17 in the relationship of a parent for one year or more, the person who  
18 bore the expenses of the funeral of the decedent.  
19 § 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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