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IN ASSEMBLY

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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 establishing a
managerial or confidential higher education differential

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

1 Section 1. The civil service law is amended by adding a new section
2 154-d to read as follows:

3 § 154-d. Managerial or confidential higher education differential.
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, employees
5 designated managerial or confidential who hold an earned associate's
6 degree, bachelor's degree, master's degree, or doctorate (e.g., MD, JD,
7 Ph.D.) from a college or university or a professional license issued by
8 the New York state education department are eligible to receive a higher
9 education differential of up to six hundred dollars retroactively for
10 state fiscal year two thousand twenty-four-two thousand twenty-five and
11 for state fiscal year two thousand twenty-five-two thousand twenty-six.
12 Such higher education differentials shall be lump sum payments that are
13 not added to base salary, not subject to any salary increases and not
14 pensionable. Such higher education differentials shall be prorated for
15 managerial or confidential employees paid on any basis other than an
16 annual basis including hourly or per diem employees. Such employees who
17 are less than full-time shall receive the higher education differential
18 prorated on a basis reflecting the actual hours worked, including hours
19 charged to accruals or on an authorized leave, between October first and
20 March thirty-first of the preceding state fiscal year. In order to
21 receive this payment, employees must provide proof, such as a copy of
22 their diploma or license, that they hold a qualifying degree or profes-
23 sional license to their agency human resources office by dates estab-
24 lished by the office of employee relations. Each agency human resources
25 office shall notify eligible employees of how to submit such proof.

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

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1 Proof of eligibility to receive a qualifying degree or professional
2 license shall not be accepted if the degree or license has not actually
3 been awarded.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.