STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 16, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the private housing finance law, in relation to expanding the veterans' preference to include veterans who did not serve during a time of war for certain housing

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

Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 31 of the private housing finance law, as amended by chapter 621 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

7. Preference in admission to a project with an open waiting list, as determined by the commissioner or the supervising agency, shall be given by a mutual company or an urban rental company or by the New York state housing finance agency when subleasing dwellings in projects of such companies pursuant to section forty-four-a of this chapter, to persons or surviving spouses of persons who are veterans as such term is defined pursuant to section eighty-five of the civil service law**, regardless of if such veteran served during a time of war**. The number of persons given preference as a veteran or a surviving spouse of a veteran shall be published adjacent to the application to be on such waiting list. For projects with a closed list, as determined by the commissioner or the supervising agency, such preference shall be given upon the opening of the waiting list. Notwithstanding the foregoing, persons who are residing in a limited-profit housing project shall be given first priority for an internal transfer in the project in which they are residing in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner or the supervising agency.

§ 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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