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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, GALLIVAN, HELMING, MARTINEZ, MATTERA, STEC -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to veterans' eligibility for public housing

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 156 of the public housing law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(1) have served in the armed forces of the United States for a period of at least six months (or any shorter period which terminated due to death or injury incurred in such service), provided some portion of the period of service was between the first of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five, **or between the fourteenth day of September, two thousand one to the thirty-first day of December, two thousand twenty-four,** and

§ 2. Section 156 of the public housing law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. An authority shall grant a preference in the selection of tenants to veterans or families of veterans who have a military service connected disability provided that such veterans or families of veterans otherwise qualify for occupancy in such an authority's projects and provided further that such authority has complied with the provisions of section 960.206 of title 24 of the code of federal regulations relating to such preferences.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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