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Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN-SIGAL, ASHBY, GALLIVAN, HELMING, MATTERA, ROLISON, 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 business corporation law and the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to exempting veterans from the payment of certain fees relating to corporations

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

1 Section 1. The business corporation law is amended by adding a new
2 section 104-B to read as follows:

3 § 104-B. Veteran exemption from fees.

4 (a) As used in this section, "veteran" shall mean a person who served
5 in the United States army, navy, air force, marines, coast guard and/or
6 reserves thereof, and/or in the army national guard, air national guard,
7 New York guard, and/or New York naval militia and who (1) has received
8 an honorable or general discharge from such service, or (2) has a quali-
9 fying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services
10 law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
11 from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in
12 section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge
13 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; and such
14 person is a resident of the state of New York at the time undertaking an
15 action subject to a fee pursuant to section one hundred four-A of this
16 article.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no veteran shall be
18 required to pay the fees otherwise required by section one hundred
19 four-A of this article within five years of (1) receiving an honorable
20 or general discharge from military service, or (2) receiving confirma-
21 tion from the department of veterans' services of a qualifying condi-

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

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1 tion, or (3) receiving confirmation from the department of veterans'
2 services of their status as a discharged LGBT veteran.

3 (c) Status as an eligible veteran pursuant to this section shall be
4 documented pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the commis-
5 sioner of the department of state.

6 § 2. The not-for-profit corporation law is amended by adding a new
7 section 104-B to read as follows:

8 § 104-B. Veteran exemption from fees.

9 (a) As used in this section, "veteran" shall mean a person who served
10 in the United States army, navy, air force, marines, coast guard and/or
11 reserves thereof, and/or in the army national guard, air national guard,
12 New York guard, and/or New York naval militia and who (1) has received
13 an honorable or general discharge from such service, or (2) has a quali-
14 fying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans' services
15 law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable
16 from such service, or (3) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in
17 section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge
18 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service; and such
19 person is a resident of the state of New York at the time undertaking an
20 action subject to a fee pursuant to section one hundred four-A of this
21 article.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no veteran shall be
23 required to pay the fees otherwise required by section one hundred
24 four-A of this article within five years of (1) receiving an honorable
25 or general discharge from military service, or (2) receiving confirma-
26 tion from the department of veterans' services of a qualifying condi-
27 tion, or (3) receiving confirmation from the department of veterans'
28 services of their status as a discharged LGBT veteran.

29 (c) Status as an eligible veteran pursuant to this section shall be
30 documented pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the commis-
31 sioner of the department of state.

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