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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 health law, in relation to eligibility for admission to New York state veterans' homes

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

Section 1. Paragraph (h) of subdivision 1 of section 2632 of the public health law, as amended by section 3 of part E of chapter 57 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(h) in the Persian Gulf conflict from the second day of August, nineteen hundred ninety to the end of such conflict including military service in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn or Operation Inherent Resolve and was the recipient of the global war on terrorism expeditionary medal or the Iraq campaign medal or the Afghanistan campaign medal; and who was a resident of the state of New York at the time of entry upon such active duty or who shall have been a resident of this state for six months next preceding the application for admission **or who has an immediate family member who shall have been a resident of this state for one year prior to the date of application for admission, provided that for purposes of this paragraph an immediate family member shall include a spouse, birth parent, adoptive parent, child, sibling, stepparent, stepchild, stepsibling, grandparent and grandchild,** shall be entitled to admission to said home after the approval of the application by the board of visitors, subject to the provisions of this article and to the conditions, limitations and penalties prescribed by the regulations of the department. Any such veteran or dependent, who otherwise fulfills the requirements set forth in this section, may be admitted directly to the skilled nursing facility or the health related facility provided such veteran or dependent is certified by a physician designated or approved by the department to require the type of care provided by such facilities.

§ 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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