# **Town of Pound Ridge**

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: KEVIN HANSAN SUPERVISOR, AND THE TOWN BOARD

FROM: DIANE BRIGANTI, ASSESSOR

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2022

SUBJECT: NYS CHANGE IN LAW AFFECTING VIETNAM VETERANS

Request to adopt Recent Change to Dates of Service for Veterans of Vietnam:

On November 11, 2021, Governor Hochul signed into law bill A.7388B/S.7124. The intention of the bill was to update the service dates for Vietnam veterans to coincide with the newly enacted federal law (H.R. 7105).

Under the new law, active dates have been extended to now include November 1, 1955 to May 7, 1975. Full details of the bill are attached.

This change in Law would change the dates available to Vietnam Veterans enabling an approximate 6 years of time to qualify for the exemption. A change in the commencement date of the Vietnam war from 12/22/61 to 11/1/55, provides a larger window of time for exemption qualification.

Diane Briganti Assessor

### STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

#### IN ASSEMBLY

May 6, 2021

Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT, HUNTER, BURDICK, BUTTENSCHON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommittee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, the executive law, the education law, the public health law, the civil service law, the public officers law, the public housing law and the social services law, in relation to conforming the definition of a veteran serving in the Vietnam war era to newly enacted federal law (H.R. 7105) for veterans who served in-country in the Republic of Vietnam from between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, to any active duty service in the Republic of Vietnam that occurred between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 458-a of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) "Period of war" means the Spanish-American war; the Mexican border period; World War I; World War II; the hostilities, known as the Korean war, which commenced June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred fifty and terminated on January thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five; the hostilities, known as the Vietnam war, which commenced [February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred sixty-one] November first, nineteen hundred fifty-five; and the hostilities, known as the Persian Gulf conflict, which commenced August second, nineteen hundred ninety.

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

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§ 2. Clause 7 of subparagraph (v) of paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 364 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows: 3

- (7) in the Vietnam conflict from the [twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred sixty one ] first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five;
- § 3. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 668 of the education law, as amended by chapter 261 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) [December twenty-second, nineteen hundred sixty-one] November 10 first, nineteen hundred fifty-five to May seventh, nineteen hundred 11 12 seventy-five.
  - § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 668-c of the education law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Eligible students. Awards shall be made to Vietnam veterans' resident children born with Spina Bifida enrolled in approved undergraduate or graduate programs at degree granting institutions. For the purpose of this section, "Vietnam veteran" shall mean a person who served in Indochina at any time from the [twenty-second day of December, nineteen 20 hundred sixty-one first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five, to and including the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five and (a) was honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States, or (b) has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other 24 than bad conduct or dishonorable from the armed forces of the United States, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from the armed forces of the United States; "born with Spina Bifida" shall mean a diagnosis at birth of such disease inclusive of all forms, manifestations, complications and asso-30 ciated medical conditions thereof, but shall not include Spina Bifida 32 Occulta. Such diagnosis shall be in accordance with the provisions of the federal Spina Bifida program and shall be documented by the United States Administration of Veterans' Affairs.
  - § 5. Paragraph a of subdivision 1 of section 669-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:
  - a. "Vietnam veteran" means (i) a person who is a resident of this state, (ii) who served in the armed forces of the United States in Indochina at any time from the [twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred sixty-one] first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five, to and including the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five, and (iii) who was either discharged therefrom under honorable conditions, including but not limited to honorable discharge, discharge under honorable conditions, or general discharge, or has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service.
  - § 6. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 2632 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 414 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- (f) Viet Nam conflict between [February twenty-eighth, nineteen 55 hundred sixty one November first, nineteen hundred fifty-five and May seventh, nineteen hundred seventy-five, both inclusive; or

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§ 7. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 85 of the civil service law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

- (4) Hostilities participated in by the military forces of the United States, from the [twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred sixty-one] first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five.
- § 8. Section 63 of the public officers law, as amended by chapter 490 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 63. Leave of absence for veterans on Memorial day and Veterans' day. 11 It shall be the duty of the head of every public department and of every court of the state of New York, of every superintendent or foreman on 12 13 the public works of said state, of the county officers of the several 14 counties of said state, of the town officers of the various towns in 15 this state, of the fire district officers of the various fire districts 16 in this state, and of the head of every department, bureau and office in 17 the government of the various cities and villages in this state, and the 18 officers of any public benefit corporation or any public authority of 19 this state, or of any public benefit corporation or public authority of 20 any county or subdivision of this state, to give leave of absence with pay for twenty-four hours on the day prescribed by law as a public holiday for the observance of Memorial day and on the eleventh day of Novem-22 ber, known as Veterans' day, to every person in the service of the 23 state, the county, the town, the fire district, the city or village, the 24 25 public benefit corporation or public authority of this state, or any public benefit corporation or public authority of any county or subdivi-27 sion of this state, as the case may be, (i) who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States during world war I or world war 28 29 or who was employed by the War Shipping Administration or Office of 30 Defense Transportation or their agents as a merchant seaman documented 31 the United States Coast Guard or Department of Commerce, or as a 32 civil servant employed by the United States Army Transport Service (later redesignated as the United States Army Transportation Corps, 33 Water Division) or the Naval Transportation Service; and who served 34 35 satisfactorily as a crew member during the period of armed conflict, 36 December seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one, to August fifteenth, nine-37 teen hundred forty-five, aboard merchant vessels in oceangoing, i.e., 38 foreign, intercoastal, or coastwise service as such terms are defined 39 under federal law (46 USCA 10301 & 10501) and further to include "near foreign" voyages between the United States and Canada, Mexico, or the 40 41 West Indies via ocean routes, or public vessels in oceangoing service or 42 foreign waters and who has received a Certificate of Release or 43 Discharge from Active Duty and a discharge certificate, or an Honorable 44 Service Certificate/Report of Casualty, from the Department of Defense, 45 or who served as a United States civilian employed by the American Field 46 Service and served overseas under United States Armies and United States Army Groups in world war II during the period of armed conflict, Decem-47 ber seventh, nineteen hundred forty-one through May eighth, nineteen 48 hundred forty-five, and who (a) was discharged or released therefrom 49 50 under honorable conditions, or (b) has a qualifying condition, defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has 51 52 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section 54 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge 55 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service or who served as a United States civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support

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Employee of Pan American World Airways or one of its subsidiaries or its affiliates and served overseas as a result of Pan American's contract with Air Transport Command or Naval Air Transport Service during the 3 period of armed conflict, December fourteenth, nineteen hundred fortyone through August fourteenth, nineteen hundred forty-five, and who (d) was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions, or (e) 7 has a qualifying condition, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct 9 or dishonorable from such service, or (f) is a discharged LGBT veteran, 10 as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, and 11 received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service or during the period of the Korean conflict at any time between 12 13 the dates of June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred fifty and January 14 thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five, or during the period of 15 Vietnam conflict from the twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen 16 hundred sixty-one to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-17 five, or (ii) who served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who was a recipient of the armed forces expeditionary 18 medal, navy expeditionary medal or marine corps expeditionary medal for 19 20 participation in operations in Lebanon from June first, nineteen hundred 21 eighty-three to December first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven, in Grenada from October twenty-third, nineteen hundred eighty-three to November 22 twenty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-three, or in Panama from December 23 twentieth, nineteen hundred eighty-nine to January thirty-first, nine-24 25 teen hundred ninety, or (iii) who served in the armed forces of a 26 foreign country allied with the United States during world war I or 27 world war II, or during the period of the Korean conflict at any time between June twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred fifty and January thirty-28 29 first, nineteen hundred fifty-five, or during the period of the Vietnam 30 conflict from the [twenty-eighth day of February, nineteen hundred 31 sixty one first day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five to the 32 seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five, or during the period 33 the Persian Gulf conflict from the second day of August, nineteen hundred ninety to the end of such conflict, or who served on active duty 34 35 in the army or navy or marine corps or air force or coast guard of the 36 United States, and who (a) was honorably discharged or separated from 37 such service under honorable conditions, or (b) has a qualifying condi-38 tion, as defined in section three hundred fifty of the executive law, 39 and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service, or (c) is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in section 40 41 three hundred fifty of the executive law, and has received a discharge 42 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from such service except where such action would endanger the public safety or the safety or health of 43 44 persons cared for by the state, in which event such persons shall be 45 entitled to leave of absence with pay on another day in lieu thereof. 46 All such persons who are compensated on a per diem, hourly, semi-monthly 47 or monthly basis, with or without maintenance, shall also be entitled to leave of absence with pay under the provisions of this section and no 48 deduction in vacation allowance or budgetary allowable number of working 49 50 days shall be made in lieu thereof. A refusal to give such leave of 51 absence to one entitled thereto shall be neglect of duty. 52

§ 9. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 156 of the public housing law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

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(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

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death or injury incurred in such service), provided some portion of the period of service was between the [twenty-eighth day of February, nine-teen hundred sixty-one] first of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five to the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five, and

- § 10. Paragraph 7 of subdivision 2 of section 168 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 179 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:
- 8 (7) Viet Nam conflict; from the [twenty-eighth day of February, nine-9 teen hundred sixty-one] first of November, nineteen hundred fifty-five 10 to and including the seventh day of May, nineteen hundred seventy-five.
- 11 § 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: KEVIN HANSAN, SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD

FROM: DIANE BRIGANTI, ASSESSOR

**DATE: JANUARY 3, 2022** 

SUBJECT: REMOVING TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM TOWN OWNED

**PROPERTIES** 

9456-37.11 and 9031-222, known as Barnegat Road and White Birch Road respectively, currently assessed with a 33551 exemption which provides for limited school tax and no town or county tax, are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of this exemption.

This exemption will be removed on the 2022 Roll and both properties will return to taxable status for 2023 tax year. If they are designated for public use prior to Taxable Status date, May 1, 2022, they will be tax exempt starting on the 2022 Roll.

9454-9 aka 77 Westchester Avenue is now tax exempt.

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Town House

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: KEVIN HANSAN SUPERVISOR, AND THE TOWN BOARD

FROM: DIANE BRIGANTI, ASSESSOR

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2022

SUBJECT: NYS EXECUTIVE ORDER RE: AGED ALL EXEMPTION 2022

Requesting review of the governor's executive order to rescind renewal requirements for RP 467 of the Real Property Tax Law on the 2022 Roll, Aged All Exemption, per attached copy of Executive Order,  $2^{nd}$  bullet point, requiring a resolution by the Town Board to implement.

A similar Executive Order was implemented and a resolution passed for the 2020 Roll in Pound Ridge.

Typically, reminder letters to the Seniors go out in January so they have time to fill out the applications, get their 2021 taxes prepared and/or supply me with the 1099's necessary to process their application, all of which is due no later than May 1, 2022.

A yes vote on this resolution will still require an informational letter to be sent to the Senior Aged All recipients ASAP.

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#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

### Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic has been declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organization since early 2020;

WHEREAS, the United States Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19 on January 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, New York is now experiencing COVID-19 transmission at rates the State has not seen since April 2021;

WHEREAS, the rate of new COVID-19 hospital admissions has been increasing over the past month to over 300 new admissions a day;

WHEREAS, the state must pursue a coordinated approach to ensure hospital capacity statewide is able to meet regional needs;

WHEREAS, the State government must support the municipalities and counties in their efforts to facilitate and administer vaccinations and tests for COVID-19, and to prevent the virus from continuing to spread at such rates;

WHEREAS, a new SarCoV2 variant, known as Omicron, has been identified and named a variant of concern by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

WHEREAS, this variant has been identified in all 50 U.S. states, including New York, and more than 104 countries;

WHEREAS, this Omicron variant has been shown to be highly transmissible and may cause exponential spread;

WHEREAS, current vaccinations do not appear to be as effective against Omicron infection, while remaining stronger against severe disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby continue the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained in Executive Order 11 until January 25, 2022.

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through January 25, 2022 the following:

- Title V of Article 5 of the Public Health Law and subparts 19 and 58 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the
  extent necessary to allow laboratories holding a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Acts (CLIA)
  certificate and meeting the CLIA quality standards described in 42 CFR Subparts H, J, K and M, to
  perform testing for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 in specimens collected from individuals in New York
  State;
- Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, to the extent necessary to permit the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons. Provided however, that the governing body may, at its option, include in such resolution procedures by which the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died;
- Article 7 of the Public Officers Law to the extent necessary to authorize the New York State Senate and
  Assembly, at their discretion, to meet and take such action authorized by law remotely by conference
  call or similar service and otherwise act in conformance with the provisions of Part E of Chapter 417 of
  the Laws of 2021, and expiring upon the expiration of such Chapter.



GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the

State in the City of Albany this

twenty-sixth day of December in the

year two thousand twenty-one

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor

	Kevin	Les	Ali	Carla	Dan	Diane	Other
Boards & Commissions							
Audit Bills				X			
Board of Assessment Review							N/A
Board of Ethics							N/A
Conservation Board				X			
Criminal Justice Reform Commiittee			X				
Drug Abuse Prevention Council		X					
Economic Development Committee						X	
Energy Action Committee				X			
Highway Department			X				
Housing Board			X				
Human Rights Advisory Committee			X				
Landmarks & Historic District					X		
OEM	X						
Old Pound Road Committee				X			
Open Space					X		
Planning Board				X			
Police Deparment	X						
Recreation Commission						X	
Water Control Commission		X					
Zoning Board of Appeals					X		
Other							
BCSDNY	X						
East of Hudson Watershed		X					
Environmental Initiatives Advisors							Elyse/Bill Harding
Fire District	X						
Insurance							Harvey Dann
Library Board	X						
New Dawn					X		
Westchester County Shared Services	X						
Sustainable Westchester				Х			
WEMS							Dave Ryan
Wireless Communication						X	
Water Wastewater Task Force			X				