



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Adriano Espaillat

## Senator Espaillat Announces Passage of his Legislation to Expand Eligibility for Admission to the New York State Veterans' Home

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(Manhattan, NY)---Senator Adriano Espaillat (D-Manhattan/Bronx) today announced that the New York State Senate passed legislation expanding eligibility for veterans admissions to the New York State veterans' nursing homes. The legislation passed the Assembly earlier this month and will now go to Governor Cuomo for consideration.

“When our veterans sustains injuries during combat or become disabled through service to our country, they sacrifice their health and well-being to preserve ours,” Senator

Espailat said the legislation's prime Senate sponsor "The honorable thing to do is to give every veteran access to all available rehabilitative services when they return home."

Senate bill, [S.305A](#), sponsored by Democratic Senator Adriano Espailat, broadens the requirements for admissions to the New York State veterans' nursing home by including veterans who served in combat operations during our most recent conflicts and wars. These facilities provide veterans with valuable rehabilitation to improve their quality of life when they return home. Previously, eligibility was only allowed for veterans who served honorably in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

"We have a responsibility to those who bravely served our nation. These brave men and women have put their lives on the line time and time again and it's only right that they have access to all veterans services," Senator Espailat concluded.