



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Legislation Supporting Reservists & National Guard Members

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The Senate Democratic Conference supported legislation allowing local governments to grant a 5% tax reduction to long-term veterans of the National Guard or any of the reserve branches of the United States Military.

Specifically, this bill ([S.553B](#)) gives any municipality in the state the authority to create a 5% local property tax exemption for all Reservists and National Guard members who have received their standard “20-year letter,” which informs them of their eligibility for military retirement benefits.