



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

Bill co-sponsored by Addabbo to create grant program for municipalities that hire veterans approved by Senate

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. June 11, 2018

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The State Senate recently approved legislation (S.3879) co-sponsored by NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. that would encourage local governments to hire former military members by creating a state grant program to cover part of their salaries.

“New York has made progress in encouraging private employers to hire former servicemen and women through its Hire-A-Vet program, which provides tax credits to businesses that provide jobs for veterans,” said Addabbo, the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs. “This new legislation goes further: offering state grants to municipalities that hire vets for local government jobs.”

Under the proposal, municipalities that hire veterans for at least one year and for at least 35 hours a week would be eligible for the funding. Grants would range from up to \$5,000 for a qualified veteran, and up to \$15,000 for a disabled veteran. Qualified veterans are defined as those who served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces or state militia and who were honorably or generally discharged any time after September 11, 2001. Eligible veterans must also begin working for the municipality between January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2021.

“While the employment picture has improved for many of our veterans, there are still many former servicemen and women seeking employment,” said Addabbo. “We already offer incentives to private businesses to hire veterans, and it makes good sense to provide grants to local governments that would benefit from the many talents and skills these military men and women bring to the table.”

Now that the bill has passed the Senate, it is under review by the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

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2017-S3879

- Introduced

- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- ◦ Passed Assembly
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- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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