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The New York State Senate passed a package of nine bills this week which will expand or launch new benefits programs for the brave New Yorkers who have fought for our nation's freedom.

"Our veterans and active military personnel have made brave sacrifices on behalf of us all in their service to the nation," Senator Montgomery said. "From access to housing, health care, and educational opportunities, the service that veterans have provided to our country entitles them to the very best from their state government, and New York aims to give it to them."

The legislation passed this week includes beneficial programs for veterans, disabled veterans and those on active duty:

- S193: Provides for lifetime sportsman license for honorably discharged, disabled veterans;
- S824: Relates to development of a permit system to provide disabled veterans access to certain restricted bodies of water through the use of float planes;
- S4569: Extends the effectiveness of the military funds of the organized militia;
- S2497: Requires the creation of a list of documents suitable for vets applying for real property tax exemptions;
- S3222: Provides for additional veteran real property owner exemption where veterans otherwise eligible but not discharged from a current combat duty status;
- S3192: Creates the short-term military service guardian;
- S5337: Relates to the unauthorized use of the names and images of members of the armed forces or organized militia of New York;
- S656A: Authorizes DEC to designate additional fishing events as rehabilitation for armed forces veterans or active members;
- S3228: Relates to the issue of military deployment as a factor in the awarding of custody in marital actions.

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