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New Law to Provide Identification of Veteran Status on Drivers License

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State Senator John Bonacic (R,C,I – Mount Hope) today praised a new state law, which he supported, to make it easier for people to identify themselves as veterans by requiring a separate line on New York State Drivers Licenses or Identification Cards to indicate veteran status.

Often times, veterans do not have an easily available source of identification to prove their status. With this new law, veterans who submit the proper paperwork, such as a DD Form 214, will be provided a new line on the New York State Drivers License or non-driver ID that indicates he or she is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.

“It’s important that our veterans know that we appreciate their service,” said Senator Bonacic. “Providing an efficient and convenient way for veterans to identify themselves, is extremely important and I applaud Governor Cuomo for recognizing this need. The new law will ensure they are easily identifiable so that they may receive the benefits they deserve.”

Many local businesses provide discounts to veterans, and this law provides a more convenient way for veterans to prove their status to a business. Veterans will no longer have to carry multiple forms of identification, as all of their information will be placed on their New York State Drivers License or non-driver ID.

In order to obtain this status from the Department of Motor Vehicles, applicants must submit proof that they were honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

The law goes into effect in October of 2013.

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