

 <b>ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Bill # 40</b>  <b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>4</b>						
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**AN ACT TO:** Higher pay wages and improvement of condition and living necessities towards the soldiers enrolled in the Navy.

**The People of the State of New York, represented in the  
Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose this bill is to give soldiers and officers higher pay after they leave the navy and better living standards while they serve in the navy.

#### **Summary of Provisions**

##### **Section 1: Definitions**

Special Infrastructure Account: A collection of funds set aside for Albany based construction projects, repairs or other large scale ambitions

##### **Section 2: Provisions**

##### **• Enacts a two step plan:**

o Institutes a New York State tax break of 7% of taxes withheld for the navy who served at Saratoga Springs and continue living in New York after retirement from the Navy

o improves living conditions in New York's only currently operating military base (Saratoga Springs). Part II will allocate funding from the NYS Special Infrastructure Account.

#### **Justification:**

Navy Officers suffer under extremely poor living conditions and lack of pay to put towards a life after their career in the force. This disallows officers and subordinates to enjoy lives and afford real estate after the length of their employment in the military, leaving many Navy Seals without essential housing conditions after their retirement. The stationed officers similarly are required to live on low pay and inadequate housing arrangements, less than what should be offered to the men and women fighting for our people's safety and well-being. This can be an essential disadvantage for younger U.S. citizens who contribute for much of their youth, but have decided to obtain an average life after their service. The final pay increase effects their income too scarcely to allow them enough opportunities to truly flourish in their new lives, so a NYS tax break will provide them an opportunity to regain their composure when first released from the Navy, as well as provide them assistance through their entire lives without raising taxes to do so. It will similarly improve New York's workforce as a whole, providing educated, skilled, and well equipped citizens to assist New York's rapidly progressing economy. Adding these men and women to the force will allow us to take advantage of their service and discipline, an opportunity too often missed due to New York's high living rate paired with low wages for officers and their subordinates. This plan will also allow newly enlisted soldiers as of this year to take advantage of the new program at some point in their military term. During their employment, conditions should still be at least adequate, recognizing that New York only hosts one military base, Saratoga Springs. Funding for improving these conditions can be extremely limited considering how few bases the funds will be directed towards. Unfortunately, the living conditions are still meager and unacceptable, despite how localized the issue is, so this plan must be executed immediately, allowing current residents to experience the new changes. This part of the plan can



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1 extract funds from the Special Infrastructure Account (having to do with construction and living improvements) and  
2 will allow NYS citizens to These two funding adjustments and improvements, while released and implemented at  
3 different stages, will result in a better life for the soldiers that protect our country and donate portions of their lives  
4 to service. Both in and out of the force they will be able to enjoy the life they deserve in exchange for their infallible  
5 and unwavering service to New York and even the United States as a whole.  
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7 **Fiscal Implications**

8 This program will extract money from the Special Infrastructure Account for its living condition improvements, which  
9 already over equipped enough to satisfy its remaining construction based needs. All pay increase related objectives  
10 will be sustained using only New York State tax deductions.  
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12 **Effective Date**

13 This bill will go into effect after a maximum of one year after passage.