



NYSCOPBA SECURES CRUCIAL BENEFIT FOR ITS COMBAT VETERAN MEMBERS

Recognizing the need to protect some of its most deserving and yet vulnerable members — those who have served our nation in the military and have experienced the stresses of combat — NYSCOPBA sought the enactment of legislation that would provide additional paid leave for health-related services to these dedicated individuals.

After vigorously fighting for the enactment of this legislation for two years, NYSCOPBA is thrilled to announce that this proposal has become law, benefitting not only NYSCOPBA's combat veterans, but all combat veterans employed by the State of New York. The new law provides an additional 8 days of paid leave under New York's Military Law for combat veterans that require such leave for health-related services, such as counseling.

"The protection of those who have so valiantly fought to protect and promote the safety of our citizens through military combat cannot be understated. Ensuring that these brave men and women are able to receive health-related services with no charge to their accrued time is the least our State can do for such courageous men and women," stated NYSCOPBA President Michael Powers. "We applaud Senator Croci and Assembly Member Paulin for taking up the fight on behalf of NYSCOPBA's veteran members," stated Powers.