

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2615

Subject Street Venders

WHEREAS, The American Legion is committed to defending the rights of all service-disabled veterans who operate as street venders, a right codified in NYS Business Law §35; and,

WHEREAS, NYS Statute General Business Law §35 directs that no local law shall prevent or interfere with the vending by a service-disabled veteran vender in any street, avenue, lane or highway: and,

WHEREAS, NYS General Business Law §35(a) arbitrarily and capriciously prohibits service-disabled veterans from vending on certain streets and avenues in New York City: and,

WHEREAS, 3,100 non-veteran food cart operators are permitted to vend in the midtown core of New York City where service-disabled veteran-venders are limited to a maximum of 105: and,

WHEREAS, any placement of restrictions on service-disabled veteran venders put these veterans at a great disadvantage in an ever-increasingly competitive marketplace: and,

WHEREAS, repealing NYS General Business Law §35(a) will immediately open vending locations from which service-disabled veteran venders are prohibited: now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The American Legion Department of New York in convention assembled July 16th-18th, 2026, in Syracuse, New York, supports legislation to repeal NYS Business Law §35(a) from the law allowing service-disabled veteran venders to vend food or merchandise exempt from all the unfair placement restrictions contained therein and that all the rights and privileges of NYS Business Law §35 be restored in full, and be it finally,

RESOLVED, That this resolution to repeal NYS General Business Law §35(a), a law that unfairly restricts service-disabled veteran venders, be referred to the Department Legislative committee.

American Legion Department of New York

FOR CONVENTION COMMITTEE USE

Approved _____ Rejected _____

Approved with Amendments __X_____

Consolidated with _____

Referred to Standing Committee on _____

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Other Action:

Signature: Frank J. Peters
(Chairman)



Adjutant Signature

Department Adjutant

Title

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Frank J. Peters, Chairman

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Department Resolutions Committee

Title