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Introduced by Sen. DeFRANCISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division of veterans' affairs to maintain mental health, substance abuse and physical disabilities portals on its website; and to repeal subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 352 of the executive law, relating to an interagency plan addressing needs of veterans and their families

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 21 to read as follows:  
3     21. TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO  
4     ASSIST VETERANS WHO EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROB-  
5     LEMS, AND VETERANS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, BY MAINTAINING MENTAL  
6     HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES PORTALS ON THE DIVI-  
7     SION'S INTERNET WEBSITE. SUCH PORTALS SHALL PROVIDE VIRTUAL LINKS TO  
8     APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS ON THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS AND  
9     INFORMATION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION, PEER OUTREACH AND SUPPORT, AND  
10    SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED VETERANS.  
11    THE DIVISION MAY CONSULT WITH THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF  
12    ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
13    THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE REFERENCE TO THIS  
14    INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS FOUR-A AND FOUR-B OF THIS  
15    SECTION AND IN THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE  
16    REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF THIS SECTION. SUCH INFORMA-  
17    TION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND UPDATED  
18    ANNUALLY.  
19    S 2. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 352 of the executive law are  
20    REPEALED.  
21    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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