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Introduced by Sen. AVELLA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged and said bill committed to the Committee on Rules -- reported favorably from said committee to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading -- passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the social services law and the not-for-profit corporation law, in relation to inquiring into past military service on applications for public welfare

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 20 of the social services law is  
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:  
3     (J) TO ENSURE THE PROVISION, ON ANY FORM REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED AT  
4 APPLICATION OR RECERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL  
5 ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, THE FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CHECK-OFF  
6 QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT OR A MEMBER OF HIS OR  
7 HER FAMILY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND AN OPTION TO ANSWER  
8 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WHERE THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT ANSWERS IN THE  
9 AFFIRMATIVE TO SUCH QUESTION, THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY  
10 ASSISTANCE SHALL ENSURE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE DIVISION  
11 OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS IS PROVIDED TO SUCH APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT, IN  
12 ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED.

13     S 2. Section 202 of the not-for-profit corporation law is amended by  
14 adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

15     (G) EVERY CORPORATION RECEIVING ANY KIND OF STATE FUNDING SHALL ENSURE  
16 THE PROVISION ON ANY FORM REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED AT APPLICATION OR  
17 RECERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURSU-  
18 ANT TO THIS CHAPTER, THAT THE APPLICATION FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CHECK-OFF  
19 QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT OR A MEMBER OF HIS OR  
20 HER FAMILY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND AN OPTION TO ANSWER  
21 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WHERE THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT ANSWERS IN THE

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

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1 AFFIRMATIVE TO SUCH QUESTION, THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION SHALL  
2 ENSURE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS'  
3 AFFAIRS IS PROVIDED TO SUCH APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IN ADDITION TO ANY  
4 OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED.

5 S 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
6 have become a law.