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IN SENATE

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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

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:

- Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 20 of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (j) to read as follows:
 - (J) TO ENSURE THE PROVISION, ON ANY FORM REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED AT APPLICATION OR RECERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, THE FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CHECK-OFF QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT OR A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER FAMILY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND AN OPTION TO ANSWER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WHERE THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT ANSWERS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO SUCH QUESTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL ENSURE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS IS PROVIDED TO SUCH APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED.
 - S 2. Section 202 of the not-for-profit corporation law is amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:
- (G) EVERY CORPORATION RECEIVING ANY KIND OF STATE FUNDING SHALL ENSURE THE PROVISION ON ANY FORM REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETED AT APPLICATION OR RECERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, THAT THE APPLICATION FORM SHALL CONTAIN A CHECK-OFF QUESTION ASKING WHETHER THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT OR A MEMBER OF HIS OR HER FAMILY SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND AN OPTION TO ANSWER IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WHERE THE APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT ANSWERS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE TO SUCH QUESTION, THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION SHALL ENSURE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS'

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

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1 AFFAIRS IS PROVIDED TO SUCH APPLICANT OR RECIPIENT IN ADDITION TO ANY 2 OTHER MATERIALS PROVIDED.

3 S 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall

4 have become a law.