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Introduced by Sen. HAMILTON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to directing the state director of veterans' affairs to submit a plan relating to coordinated services for service-disabled veterans to the veterans' affairs commission

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby recognizes that
2 New York state's veterans, particularly those who suffered service-re-
3 lated disabilities, have unique needs as a result of the sacrifices they
4 made during their military service. It is also hereby acknowledged by
5 the legislature that due to the complexity of their needs, such individ-
6 uals require accessible, coordinated, and specialized services within
7 their communities from multiple state and local agencies. The legisla-
8 ture finds that there is an immediate need for a statewide comprehensive
9 program to coordinate such services.

10 § 2. Section 352 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
11 subdivision 6 to read as follows:

12 6. The state director shall submit a plan to the commission by July
13 first, two thousand eighteen, and every five years thereafter, with
14 findings and recommendations to:

15 (a) promote the implementation of a comprehensive statewide program of
16 coordinated services for service-disabled veterans that includes:

17 (i) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services
18 and facilities;

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

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1 (ii) health, medical and rehabilitation services;
2 (iii) employment and re-employment services;
3 (iv) housing options;
4 (v) transportation options;
5 (vi) long term care options;
6 (vii) personal care;
7 (viii) day program service options;
8 (ix) family outreach; and
9 (x) other essential services that maximize existing resources;
10 (b) disseminate general information about available services to
11 service-disabled veterans and how such services may be accessed; and
12 (c) conduct an ongoing evaluation on the needs of service disabled
13 veterans.

14 Upon receipt of such plan from the state director, the commission
15 shall vote within ninety days on whether to approve, modify or reject
16 the plan; provided, however, if the commission modifies or rejects the
17 plan, the state director shall resubmit the plan to the commission with-
18 in six months for approval.

19 Upon approval of the plan by the commission, the state director shall
20 submit within thirty days of such approval a copy of the plan to the
21 governor, temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.