

STATE OF NEW YORK

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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 twenty-two, 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;

19 (ii) health, medical and rehabilitation services;

20 (iii) employment and re-employment services;

21 (iv) housing options;

22 (v) transportation options;

23 (vi) long term care options;

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

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1 (vii) personal care;
2 (viii) day program service options;
3 (ix) family outreach; and
4 (x) other essential services that maximize existing resources;
5 (b) disseminate general information about available services to
6 service-disabled veterans and how such services may be accessed; and
7 (c) conduct an ongoing evaluation on the needs of service disabled
8 veterans.

9 Upon receipt of such plan from the state director, the commission
10 shall vote within ninety days on whether to approve, modify or reject
11 the plan; provided, however, if the commission modifies or rejects the
12 plan, the state director shall resubmit the plan to the commission with-
13 in six months for approval.

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

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.