

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to pre-release briefings for incarcerated veterans regarding available federal and state benefits

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

1 Section 1. Section 4 of the veterans' services law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 40 to read as follows:

3 40. To conduct a pre-release briefing as part of the discharge plan-
4 ning process with any incarcerated individual who is a veteran, prior to
5 their release from a state correctional institution, to explain and
6 share information relating to federal and state benefits available to
7 veterans and their families and how to apply for such benefits. The
8 department shall consult with the department of corrections and communi-
9 ty supervision to implement the provisions of this section.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
11 have become a law.

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

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