

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 19, 2026

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to establishing a women veteran's peer to peer program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 19 of the veterans' services law
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

3 (k) coordination with other agencies, including but not limited to the
4 office of mental health, the office of addiction services and supports,
5 the department of labor and department of civil service, for the devel-
6 opment and implementation of a peer to peer support service program
7 specifically for women veterans.

8 § 2. Subparagraphs (vii) and (viii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 9
9 of section 20 of the veterans' services law are amended and a new
10 subparagraph (ix) is added to read as follows:

11 (vii) providing outreach regarding available resources for veterans
12 with a qualifying condition as defined in section one of this article;
13 ~~and~~

14 (viii) advocating on behalf of women veterans to ensure that the
15 programs and policies of this state and of the United States department
16 of veterans' affairs remain open to women and mindful of the elements of
17 the experience of a veteran that are unique to women~~[-]~~; and

18 (ix) establishing a women veteran's peer to peer program.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of April next
20 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective
21 immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regu-
22 lation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective
23 date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective
24 date.

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

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