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## IN SENATE

January 23, 2025

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 and the public health law, in relation to directing the department of veterans' services to establish and operate a publicly accessible electronic database of the availability of openings for admission to state veterans' homes

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, in consultation and cooperation with the department of health,  
4 establish and operate an internet website electronic database, accessi-  
5 ble to the public, which provides the number of available openings for  
6 eligible individuals at each state veterans' home operated pursuant to  
7 article twenty-six-A of the public health law. In addition, such elec-  
8 tronic database shall, for each such veterans' home, provide the number  
9 of eligible individuals who are on the waiting list for admission to the  
10 state veterans' home and information on the admission process including,  
11 but not limited to, eligibility requirements relating to military  
12 service history, honorable discharge, service connected disability, and  
13 skilled nursing needs. The department and the department of health shall  
14 jointly ensure that the information posted on the electronic database  
15 established pursuant to this subdivision is maintained and updated on a  
16 real time basis as such information changes.

17 § 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to  
18 read as follows:

19 § 2636. State veterans' home electronic database. The department shall  
20 fully cooperate with the department of veterans' services to establish  
21 and operate the electronic database provided for in subdivision forty of  
22 section four of the veterans' services law, and provide information

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

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1 relating to the state veterans' homes operated pursuant to this article  
2 to such division on a real time basis.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
4 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-  
5 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-  
6 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
7 completed on or before such effective date.