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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to providing for a separate agency to facilitate distribution of orders among veterans' workshops for state purchases

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraph e of subdivision 6 of section 162 of the state finance law, as added by chapter 83 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

e. The [state] commissioner of social services shall appoint the New York state commission for the blind and visually handicapped, or other non-profit-making agency, other than the agency representing the other severely disabled, to facilitate the distribution of orders among qualified non-profit-making charitable agencies for the blind. The [state] commissioner of education shall appoint a non-profit-making agency, other than the agency representing the blind, to facilitate the distribution of orders among qualified non-profit-making charitable agencies for the other severely disabled [and the]. THE STATE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT A NON-PROFIT-MAKING AGENCY, OTHER THAN THE AGENCY REPRESENTING THE BLIND OR THE SEVERELY DISABLED, TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ORDERS AMONG QUALIFIED veterans' workshops. The [state] commissioner of mental health shall facilitate the distribution of orders among qualified special employment programs operated or approved by the office of mental health serving mentally ill persons.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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