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

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring funeral directors to post an informational sign notifying families of deceased veterans of certain benefits

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

Section 1. Section 3441-a of the public health law, as amended by chapter 534 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

S 3441-a. Funeral arrangements; [use of flag] DECEASED VETERANS. 1. Upon the request of the person responsible for the payment for funeral arrangements made for the care and disposition of the body of a deceased veteran, eligible under federal law or regulations or section two hundred fifty-a of the military law for the use of a United States flag for burial purposes, every person licensed pursuant to this article, including funeral directors and funeral firms, shall furnish a United States flag for the covering of the casket at the time of the funeral free of charge. Notice of the availability of such flag shall be given at the time the itemized list of services is furnished.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, SUCH FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND FUNERAL FIRMS SHALL POST, IN AT LEAST TWELVE POINT CONSPICUOUS PRINT, A SIGN NOTIFYING THE FAMILIES OF A DECEASED VETERAN WHAT SERVICES AND BENEFITS ARE AFFORDED TO THEM AND HOW TO OBTAIN SUCH BENEFITS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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