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and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Home-  
land Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the military law, in relation to  
the establishment of the New York state veteran health insurance act

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York  
2     state veteran health insurance act".

3     S 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 368 to read  
4     as follows:

5     S 368. VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION  
6     OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADMINISTRATE, IN  
7     COOPERATION WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, A NEW YORK STATE  
8     VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ANY PERSON,  
9     WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OR THE NEW YORK AIR  
10    NATIONAL GUARD, AND WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE TRICARE RESERVE  
11    SELECT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM WITH ANY AND ALL ENROLLMENT FEES, COST  
12    SHARING OR CO-PAYMENTS NECESSARY FOR SUCH PERSON TO ENROLL IN AND OBTAIN  
13    INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER SUCH PROGRAM. THE PAYMENT OF SUCH  
14    FEES, COST SHARING OR CO-PAYMENTS MAY BE PROVIDED, PURSUANT TO REGU-  
15    LATION, EITHER DIRECTLY TO THE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT HEALTH INSURANCE  
16    PROGRAM, OR ITS AGENTS, OR TO THE INDIVIDUAL ENROLLEE, UPON SUFFICIENT  
17    PROOF OF ENROLLMENT. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION, HOWEVER, SHALL REQUIRE THE  
18    VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR PROGRAM DEDUCT-  
19    IBLES OR FOR THE TWENTY PERCENT NONPLAN MEDICAL PROVIDER CO-PAYMENT, OR  
20    THE FIFTEEN PERCENT PLAN MEDICAL PROVIDER CO-PAYMENT.

21    S 3. The military law is amended by adding a new section 246-a to read  
22    as follows:

23    S 246-A. VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION  
24    OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADMINISTRATE, IN

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

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15 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
16 it shall have become a law.