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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the state veterans' service agency to develop policies for providing academic and other forms of credit to members of the armed forces and veterans

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 356 of the executive law is amended to read as follows:

1. A state veterans' service agency established by the division pursuant to this article shall have power and it shall be its duty to inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist members of the armed forces and veterans, who are residents of this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health, medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges to members of the armed forces and war veterans and their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, and (5) other matters of similar, related or appropriate nature. THE STATE VETERANS' SERVICE AGENCY SHALL ALSO WORK WITH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, WORK TRAINING BOARDS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM BUSINESS AND LABOR TO DEVELOP POLICIES THAT PROVIDE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TOWARDS VERIFICATION, ACCREDITATION, TRANSFER OF ACADEMIC CREDIT, LICENSING AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AND FINANCIAL AID FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE. The state veterans' service agency also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the state director.

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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