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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing the division of veterans' affairs to establish, maintain and care for a state veterans' cemetery

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

Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY AND MAKE APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR SUCH FUNDS AS SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING SUCH A CEMETERY. THE DIVISION MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE OPERATION OF SUCH CEMETERY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE DIVISION AND THE STATE SHALL HAVE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PERPETUAL OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF THE STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY. THE DIVISION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, SHALL ACQUIRE, IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SUCH LAND AS SHALL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE VETERANS' CEMETERY. ALL LANDS UPON WHICH SUCH CEMETERY IS ESTABLISHED SHALL BE OWNED BY THE STATE AND SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES. THE DIVISION SHALL INCUR AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TEN PERCENT OF ANY INITIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH CEMETERY, PROVIDED, FURTHER THAT SUCH COSTS SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS. THE DIVISION MAY ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS, FUNDING FROM POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL PLOT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF SUCH CEMETERY. ALL SUCH MONEYS SHALL BE USED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUCH CEMETERY.

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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