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Introduced by Sen. BALL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the military law, the executive law and the economic development law, in relation to providing information to veterans concerning accident prevention courses approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature hereby finds that according to the federal department of veterans affairs and the federal department of transportation, research shows the risk of death from a motor vehicle traffic accident was much higher during the first five years after deployment to a combat theater or combat zone of operations. Studies have also shown that for the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans the risk is seventy-five percent greater than the United States general population.

The legislature further finds that returning servicemen and women must attend various seminars as they readjust to civilian life.

S 2. The military law is amended by adding a new section 301-c to read as follows:

S 301-C. ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSE INFORMATION. THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS SHALL PROVIDE RETURNING SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM A COMBAT THEATER OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWELVE-B OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE PROVIDED IN WRITTEN FORM TO BE AVAILABLE AT YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS OR ANY OTHER REINTEGRATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE DIVISION OR MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE. THE DIVISION SHALL ALSO PROVIDE A LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WEBSITE PAGES CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES.

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

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S 3. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. TO MAKE AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES ONLINE ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE. THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE A LINK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WEBSITE PAGES CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES.

S 4. Section 100 of the economic development law is amended by adding a new subdivision 18-h to read as follows:

18-H. TO INCLUDE IN THE "NY-USA PROUD" PROGRAM THOSE COMPANIES WHO PROVIDE ACCIDENT PREVENTION COURSES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT A REDUCED RATE TO THE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM A COMBAT THEATER OR COMBAT ZONE OF OPERATIONS.

S 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, provided that the commissioner of motor vehicles, division of military and naval affairs and the commissioner of economic development are authorized and directed to immediately promulgate any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before its effective date.