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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to veterans' benefits

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

1 Section 1. Section 354-a of the executive law, as separately amended
2 by sections 34 and 68 of part A of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is
3 amended to read as follows:
4 S 354-a. Information on status of veterans receiving assistance.
5 Departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, commissions and agencies of the
6 state and political subdivisions thereof, which provide assistance,
7 treatment, counseling, care, supervision or custody in service areas
8 involving health, mental health, family services, criminal justice or
9 employment, including but not limited to the office of alcoholism and
10 substance abuse services, office of mental health, office of probation
11 and correctional alternatives, office of children and family services,
12 office of temporary and disability assistance, department of health,
13 department of labor, local workforce investment boards, office [of
14 mental retardation and] FOR PEOPLE WITH developmental disabilities[,]
15 AND department of [correctional services and division of parole]
16 CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, shall request assisted persons to
17 provide information with regard to their veteran status and military
18 experiences. Individuals identifying themselves as veterans shall be
19 advised that the division of veterans' affairs and local veterans'
20 service agencies established pursuant to section three hundred fifty-
21 seven of this article provide assistance to veterans regarding benefits
22 under federal and state law. Information regarding veterans status and
23 military service provided by assisted persons solely to implement this
24 section shall be protected as personal confidential information under

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

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1 article six-A of the public officers law against disclosure of confiden-
2 tial material, and used only to assist in the diagnosis, treatment,
3 assessment and handling of the veteran's problems within the agency
4 requesting such information and in referring the veteran to the division
5 of veterans' affairs for information and assistance with regard to bene-
6 fits and entitlements under federal and state law.

7 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.