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Introduced by M. of A. CASTELLI, ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Parks, Arts and Sports Development

AN ACT to amend the arts and cultural affairs law, the parks, recreation and historic preservation law and the military law, in relation to the state military museum and veterans research center

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

Section 1. Section 57.03 of the arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. TO PERIODICALLY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE BUREAU OF WAR RECORDS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR OF THE MILITARY LAW: REVIEW THE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER; ADVISE OR ASSIST WITH THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS, RECORDS AND RELICS; ENSURE THAT BOOKS, RECORDS AND OTHER PROPERTY OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION TO ENSURE THE NEEDS OF VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONS, SERVICE MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR DESCENDENTS ARE BEING MET; AND DEVELOP IMPROVEMENTS TO SUCH PROGRAMS TO MEET SUCH NEEDS.

S 2. The arts and cultural affairs law is amended by adding a new section 57.04 to read as follows:

S 57.04. NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER. THERE SHALL BE IN THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AND NAVAL AFFAIRS A NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER.

S 3. Section 19.03 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 5 and 6 to read as follows:

5. TO PERIODICALLY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF STATE HISTORY, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND THE BUREAU OF WAR RECORDS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR OF THE MILITARY LAW, REVIEW THE PROGRAMS OPERATED BY THE NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER AND

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

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TO ADVISE OR ASSIST WITH THE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS, RECORDS AND RELICS.

6. TO ASSIST CITIZENS, A PUBLIC CORPORATION OR AGENCY THEREOF, THE NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER, A STATE INSTITUTION OR OTHER STATE AGENCY, AN EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION OR INSTITUTION, A MUSEUM OR A HISTORICAL SOCIETY, UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY PRESCRIBE, WITH PLANNING, INTERPRETING, AND PROTECTING MILITARY CEMETERIES AND SITES WHERE HISTORIC BATTLES WERE FOUGHT ON AMERICAN SOIL DURING THE ARMED CONFLICTS THAT SHAPED THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, IN ORDER THAT PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS MAY LEARN AND GAIN INSPIRATION FROM THE GROUND WHERE AMERICANS MADE THEIR ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

S 4. Subparagraph 2 of paragraph b of subdivision 6 of section 24 of the military law, as amended by chapter 141 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as follows:

(2) the chief of staff of the state, subject to the approval of the adjutant general, may lend any of the property placed in such bureau for the purposes of this section to a public corporation or agency thereof; THE NEW YORK STATE MILITARY MUSEUM AND VETERANS RESEARCH CENTER; state institution or other state agency; educational corporation or institution; museum; or historical society under such conditions as the chief of staff may prescribe;

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.