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Introduced by M. of A. RUSSELL, BARRETT, MAYER, ROZIC, JAFFEE, GRAF, TITONE, SCARBOROUGH, OTIS, SKARTADOS, LUPARDO, SKOUFIS, HOOPER, GALEF, MILLER, AUBRY, STECK, SANTABARBARA, McLAUGHLIN, ROBERTS, SCHIMEL, BRONSON -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BRENNAN, COOK, CROUCH, GOTTFRIED, McDONOUGH, MOSLEY, PERRY, ROBINSON, ROSENTHAL, SWEENEY, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs -- advanced to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place on the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to developing plans to adequately address military sexual trauma

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

1     Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 22 to read as follows:  
3     22. TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE AND BENEFITS FOR  
4     VETERANS WHO EXPERIENCE MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY OR  
5     DURING MILITARY TRAINING.  
6     S 2. Subdivision 1 of section 358 of the executive law, as amended by  
7     chapter 106 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:  
8     1. A local veterans' service agency shall have power under the direc-  
9     tion of the state veterans' service agency, and it shall be its duty to  
10    inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist  
11    members of the armed forces and veterans, who are residents of this  
12    state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to  
13    educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health,  
14    medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of  
15    federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights  
16    and privileges to members of the armed forces and war veterans and their  
17    families, (4) employment and re-employment services, [and] (5) MATTERS  
18    PERTAINING TO MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA EXPERIENCED WHILE ON ACTIVE DUTY OR  
19    DURING MILITARY TRAINING, AND (6) other matters of similar, related or

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

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1 appropriate nature. The local veterans' service agency may also assist  
2 families of members of the reserve components of the armed forces and  
3 the organized militia ordered into active duty to ensure that they are  
4 made aware of and are receiving all appropriate support available to  
5 them and are placed in contact with the agencies responsible for such  
6 support, including, but not limited to, the division of military and  
7 naval affairs and other state agencies responsible for providing such  
8 support. The local veterans' service agency also shall perform such  
9 other duties as may be assigned by the state director.

10 S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
11 it shall have become a law; provided, that any rules and regulations  
12 necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective  
13 date shall be promulgated on or before such date.