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AN ACT to amend the military law and the public health law, in relation to enacting the "veterans long-term care access act"

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "veterans  
2     long-term care access act".  
3     S 2. The military law is amended by adding a new section 235-b to read  
4     as follows:  
5     S 235-B. MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR VETERANS IN STATE VETERANS HOMES.  
6     NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, NO HONOR-  
7     ABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY VETERAN, THEIR SPOUSE OR WIDOW, OR THE GOLD  
8     STAR PARENT OF SUCH VETERAN SHALL BE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN A MEDICAID  
9     MANAGED CARE PLAN OR A MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE PLAN IF HE OR SHE IS  
10    ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION INTO A STATE VETERANS HOME OR ENROLLED IN A  
11    MEDICAL MODEL ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM AT A STATE VETERANS HOME.  
12    SUCH HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN, THEIR SPOUSE OR WIDOW, OR GOLD STAR  
13    PARENT SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY PLAN OF TRANSI-  
14    TION OF NURSING HOME POPULATIONS INTO ANY MANAGED CARE PROGRAMS OTHER-  
15    WISE ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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

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1 S 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to  
2 read as follows:  
3 S 2636. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED. A STATE VETERANS HOME  
4 PROVIDING LONG TERM NURSING HOME CARE, MEDICAL MODEL ADULT DAY HEALTH  
5 CARE PROGRAMS OR ANY OTHER SERVICES TO AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY  
6 VETERAN, THEIR SPOUSE OR WIDOW, OR THE GOLD STAR PARENT OF SUCH VETERAN  
7 SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PAID FOR ITS SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FEE FOR  
8 SERVICE SCHEDULES IN EFFECT FOR MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE ON THE DATES OF  
9 SERVICES RENDERED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER FORMULA FOR THE PAYMENT OF  
10 LONG TERM CARE ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY ANY MANAGED CARE ORGAN-  
11 IZATION, MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN, OR MEDICAID MANAGED LONG TERM CARE  
12 PLAN.  
13 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.