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Introduced by Sen. BALL -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the military law, in relation to the establishment of the New York state veteran health insurance act

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "New York state veteran health insurance act".

3 S 2. Article 17 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
4 section 369 to read as follows:

5 S 369. VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. THE DIVISION OF MILITARY AND
6 NAVAL AFFAIRS IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADMINISTRATE, IN COOPERATION WITH
7 THE DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, A NEW YORK STATE VETERAN HEALTH INSUR-
8 ANCE PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE ANY PERSON, WHO IS A MEMBER OF
9 THE NEW YORK ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OR THE NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD, AND
10 WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL IN THE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT HEALTH INSURANCE
11 PROGRAM WITH ANY AND ALL ENROLLMENT FEES, COST SHARING OR CO-PAYMENTS
12 NECESSARY FOR SUCH PERSON TO ENROLL IN AND OBTAIN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY
13 COVERAGE UNDER SUCH PROGRAM. THE PAYMENT OF SUCH FEES, COST SHARING OR
14 CO-PAYMENTS MAY BE PROVIDED, PURSUANT TO REGULATION, EITHER DIRECTLY TO
15 THE TRICARE RESERVE SELECT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM, OR ITS AGENTS, OR
16 TO THE INDIVIDUAL ENROLLEE, UPON SUFFICIENT PROOF OF ENROLLMENT. NOTHING
17 IN THIS SECTION, HOWEVER, SHALL REQUIRE THE VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE
18 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PAYMENT FOR PROGRAM DEDUCTIBLES OR FOR THE TWENTY
19 PERCENT NONPLAN MEDICAL PROVIDER CO-PAYMENT, OR THE FIFTEEN PERCENT PLAN
20 MEDICAL PROVIDER CO-PAYMENT.

21 S 3. The military law is amended by adding a new section 246-a to read
22 as follows:

23 S 246-A. VETERAN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. THE DIVISION OF MILITARY
24 AND NAVAL AFFAIRS IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO ADMINISTRATE, IN COOPERATION

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

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15 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law.