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Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the division
of veterans' affairs to maintain mental health, substance abuse and
physical disabilities portals on its website; and to repeal subdivi-
sions 6 and 7 of section 352 of the executive law, relating to an
interagency plan addressing needs of veterans and their families

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

1 Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 21 to read as follows:
3 21. TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO
4 ASSIST VETERANS WHO EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROB-
5 LEMS, AND VETERANS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES, BY MAINTAINING MENTAL
6 HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES PORTALS ON THE DIVI-
7 SION'S INTERNET WEBSITE. SUCH PORTALS SHALL PROVIDE VIRTUAL LINKS TO
8 APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS ON THE FEDERAL AND STATE LEVELS AND
9 INFORMATION ON SUICIDE PREVENTION, PEER OUTREACH AND SUPPORT, AND
10 SERVICES THAT ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF PHYSICALLY DISABLED VETERANS.
11 THE DIVISION MAY CONSULT WITH THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE OFFICE OF
12 ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
13 THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. THE DIVISION SHALL MAKE REFERENCE TO THIS
14 INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS FOUR-A AND FOUR-B OF THIS
15 SECTION AND IN THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE
16 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF THIS SECTION. SUCH INFORMA-
17 TION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE MAINTAINED AND UPDATED
18 ANNUALLY.
19 S 2. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 352 of the executive law are
20 REPEALED.
21 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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