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I N S E N A T E

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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
20 appropriate nature. The local veterans' service agency may also assist
21 families of members of the reserve components of the armed forces and
22 the organized militia ordered into active duty to ensure that they are
23 made aware of and are receiving all appropriate support available to
24 them and are placed in contact with the agencies responsible for such
25 support, including, but not limited to, the division of military and
26 naval affairs and other state agencies responsible for providing such

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

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1 support. The local veterans' service agency also shall perform such
2 other duties as may be assigned by the state director.

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