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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.
16 S 3. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to
17 read as follows:
18 S 2636. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES RENDERED. A STATE VETERANS HOME
19 PROVIDING LONG TERM NURSING HOME CARE, MEDICAL MODEL ADULT DAY HEALTH
20 CARE PROGRAMS OR ANY OTHER SERVICES TO AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED MILITARY
21 VETERAN, THEIR SPOUSE OR WIDOW, OR THE GOLD STAR PARENT OF SUCH VETERAN
22 SHALL CONTINUE TO BE PAID FOR ITS SERVICES PURSUANT TO THE FEE FOR
23 SERVICE SCHEDULES IN EFFECT FOR MEDICAID LONG TERM CARE ON THE DATES OF
24 SERVICES RENDERED, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER FORMULA FOR THE PAYMENT OF
25 LONG TERM CARE ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY ANY MANAGED CARE ORGAN-
26 IZATION, MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PLAN, OR MEDICAID MANAGED LONG TERM CARE
27 PLAN. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, RATES OF PAYMENT
28 PURSUANT TO SUCH FEE FOR SERVICE SCHEDULES SHALL BE ADJUSTED ANNUALLY TO
29 REFLECT FULL TREND FACTOR INCREASES.
30 S 4. 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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