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Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the public health law, in relation  
to health care options for veterans

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 22 to read as follows:  
3     22. TO MAINTAIN A FACT SHEET ON THE DIVISION'S WEBPAGE CONTAINING (A)  
4     CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ALL VETERANS INTEGRATED SERVICE NETWORKS LOCATED  
5     WITHIN THE STATE AND (B) CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE UNITED  
6     STATES VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION. THE FACT SHEET SHALL BE ENTITLED,  
7     "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH CARE OPTIONS" AND SHALL BE  
8     UPDATED ANNUALLY.  
9     S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2803-u  
10    to read as follows:  
11    S 2803-U. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH  
12    CARE OPTIONS. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:  
13    "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH CARE OPTIONS" SHALL MEAN  
14    THE FACT SHEET MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS PURSUANT  
15    TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THE  
16    EXECUTIVE LAW.  
17    2. UPON ADMISSION TO A HOSPITAL, EACH PATIENT SHALL BE ASKED IF THEY  
18    HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. IF THE PATIENT RESPONDS  
19    IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, THE HOSPITAL MUST PROVIDE THE PATIENT WITH A COPY OF  
20    THE "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH CARE OPTIONS" FACT  
21    SHEET, PRIOR TO DISCHARGING THE PATIENT.  
22    3. NO CAUSE OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE OR KIND ARISING OUT OF A FAILURE  
23    TO GIVE OR RECEIVE THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL ACCRUE TO  
24    ANY PERSON AGAINST THE STATE OR ANY SUBDIVISION OR AGENCY THEREOF OR ANY  
25    HOSPITAL.

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

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1     S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
2     section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it  
3     shall have become a law; and provided further that section two of this  
4     act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall  
5     have become a law.