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Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. RAMOS  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs --  
recommitted to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in accordance with  
Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered  
reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- again  
reported from said committee with amendments, ordered reprinted as  
amended and recommitted to said committee

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 23 to read as follows:  
3     23. 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 INCLUDING VA MEDICAL CENTERS AND  
7     CLINICS. THE FACT SHEET SHALL BE ENTITLED, "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS  
8     CONCERNING HEALTH CARE OPTIONS" AND SHALL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.  
9     S 2. Subdivision 5 of section 2805-b of the public health law, as  
10    added by chapter 694 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:  
11    5. The staff of a general hospital shall: (A) inquire whether or not  
12    the person admitted [is a veteran, as defined in section eighty-five of  
13    the civil service law] HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.  
14    Such information shall be listed on the admissions form[. The staff  
15    shall]; (B) notify any admittee who is a veteran of the possible avail-  
16    ability of services at a hospital operated by the veterans adminis-  
17    tration, and, upon request by the admittee, such staff shall make  
18    arrangements for the individual's transfer to a veterans administration  
19    operated hospital[. Transfers], PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSFERS shall  
20    be authorized only after it has been determined, according to accepted

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

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1 clinical and medical standards, that the patient's condition has stabi-  
2 lized and transfer can be accomplished safely and without complication;  
3 AND (C) PROVIDE ANY ADMITTEE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED  
4 FORCES WITH A COPY OF THE "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH  
5 CARE OPTIONS" FACT SHEET, MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF VETERANS'  
6 AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED  
7 FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW PRIOR TO DISCHARGING OR TRANSFERRING  
8 THE PATIENT. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for  
9 notifying such admittees of possible available services and for arrang-  
10 ing a requested transfer.

11 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
12 section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it  
13 shall have become a law; and provided further that section two of this  
14 act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall  
15 have become a law.