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Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a task
force on veteran employment opportunities; and providing for the
repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 17-C
2 to read as follows:

3 ARTICLE 17-C

4 TASK FORCE ON VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

5 SECTION 369-L. TASK FORCE ON VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES MEMBER-
6 SHIP.

7 369-M. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE.

8 S 369-L. TASK FORCE ON VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES MEMBERSHIP. 1.
9 THERE IS HEREBY CREATED A TASK FORCE ON VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTU-
10 NITIES, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, WHO SHALL BE
11 APPOINTED NO LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
12 ARTICLE:

13 (A) THE STATE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE,
14 WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE TASK FORCE;

15 (B) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES, OR HIS OR HER
16 DESIGNEE;

17 (C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, OR HIS OR HER
18 DESIGNEE;

19 (D) THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

20 (E) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, OR HIS OR HER
21 DESIGNEE;

22 (F) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, OR HIS OR HER
23 DESIGNEE;

24 (G) THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OR HIS OR HER
25 DESIGNEE;

26 (H) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
27 ONE OF WHICH SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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

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1 (I) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ONE OF WHICH
2 SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR;

3 (J) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE; AND

4 (K) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY.

5 2. NO MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM HOLDING ANY
6 PUBLIC OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT, NOR SHALL HE OR SHE FORFEIT ANY SUCH OFFICE
7 OF EMPLOYMENT BY VIRTUE OF HIS OR HER APPOINTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS
8 SECTION. MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR
9 THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES
10 INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
11 A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE MAY BE REMOVED BY THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY,
12 ONLY FOR GOOD CAUSE, AFTER NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
13 VACANCIES SHALL BE FILLED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS.

14 S 369-M. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE. 1. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS,
15 THE TASK FORCE SHALL HOLD AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS. DURING THE
16 PUBLIC HEARINGS, THE TASK FORCE SHALL HEAR THE TESTIMONY OF VOLUNTARY
17 WITNESSES, MAY COMPEL THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES AND MAY REQUIRE THE
18 PRODUCTION OF ANY DOCUMENTS THE TASK FORCE DEEMS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO
19 CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

20 2. AFTER RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT, THE TASK FORCE SHALL
21 ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE, ON THE
22 SUBSTANCE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE
23 DEVELOPMENT OF NEW METHODS AND PROGRAMS AIMED AT ASSISTING THE STATE'S
24 VETERANS IN FINDING AND MAINTAINING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
25 AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT METHODS AND PROGRAMS. THE ANNUAL REPORT
26 SHALL BE ISSUED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR, BUT SHALL NOT
27 BE DUE IN THE FIRST YEAR THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN
28 EFFECT.

29 3. THE TASK FORCE SHALL REPORT ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS, AS THEY RELATE
30 TO AND IMPACT VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

31 (A) HIGHER EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO AWARD ACADEMIC COURSE
32 CREDIT FOR COMPARABLE MILITARY TRAINING AND DISTANCE LEARNING BARRIERS;

33 (B) PROFESSIONAL LICENSING INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO EASE
34 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR SPOUSES;

35 (C) STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES;

36 (D) VETERAN CONTRACTOR PREFERENCES;

37 (E) PURCHASING PREFERENCES;

38 (F) TAX CREDITS AND MUNICIPAL GRANTS FOR HIRING UNEMPLOYED VETERANS;

39 (G) PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES; AND

40 (H) PAID LEAVE FOR COMBAT VETERANS NEEDING HEALTH SERVICES.

41 4. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT THE TASK FORCE FROM REPORT-
42 ING ON ANY OTHER TOPICS IMPACTING VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES,
43 WHICH THEY DEEM RELEVANT.

44 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
45 deemed repealed ten years after such date.