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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 ASSEMBLY, 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

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

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1 the civil service law] HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.
2 Such information shall be listed on the admissions form[. The staff
3 shall]; (B) notify any admittee who is a veteran of the possible avail-
4 ability of services at a hospital operated by the veterans adminis-
5 tration, and, upon request by the admittee, such staff shall make
6 arrangements for the individual's transfer to a veterans administration
7 operated hospital[. Transfers], PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT TRANSFERS shall
8 be authorized only after it has been determined, according to accepted
9 clinical and medical standards, that the patient's condition has stabi-
10 lized and transfer can be accomplished safely and without complication;
11 AND (C) PROVIDE ANY ADMITTEE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED
12 FORCES WITH A COPY OF THE "INFORMATION FOR VETERANS CONCERNING HEALTH
13 CARE OPTIONS" FACT SHEET, MAINTAINED BY THE DIVISION OF VETERANS'
14 AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED
15 FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW PRIOR TO DISCHARGING OR TRANSFERRING
16 THE PATIENT. The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations for
17 notifying such admittees of possible available services and for arrang-
18 ing a requested transfer.
19 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
20 section one of this act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it
21 shall have become a law; and provided further that section two of this
22 act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.