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Introduced by Sen. MURPHY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, the public health law and the education law, in relation to directing the division of veterans' affairs to establish and operate a publicly accessible electronic database of the availability of openings for admission to state veterans' homes

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

Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 23 to read as follows:

23. TO, IN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE AN INTERNET WEBSITE ELECTRONIC DATABASE, ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC, WHICH PROVIDES THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE OPENINGS FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AT EACH STATE VETERANS' HOME OPERATED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX-A OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW AND AT THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS' HOME AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK. IN ADDITION, SUCH ELECTRONIC DATABASE SHALL, FOR EACH SUCH VETERANS' HOME, PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR ADMISSION TO THE STATE VETERANS' HOME. THE DIVISION, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SHALL JOINTLY ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION POSTED ON THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION IS MAINTAINED AND UPDATED ON A REAL TIME BASIS AS SUCH INFORMATION CHANGES.

S 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to read as follows:

S 2636. STATE VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC DATABASE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE STATE VETERANS' HOMES OPERATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO SUCH DIVISION ON A REAL TIME BASIS.

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

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S 3. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 20 to read as follows:

20. STATE VETERANS' HOME ELECTRONIC DATABASE. THE STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE ELECTRONIC DATABASE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION RELATING TO THE LONG ISLAND STATE VETERANS' HOME AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT STONY BROOK TO SUCH DIVISION ON A REAL TIME BASIS.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Provided, however that, effective immediately, any actions necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such date.