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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, DenDEKKER, BRINDISI, M. G. MILLER, BRONSON, McDONALD, SKOUFIS, MOSLEY, CYMBROWITZ, BENEDETTO, SIMOTAS, CUSICK, GUNTHER, GOTTFRIED, PICHARDO, BARRON, COOK, GALEF, COLTON, ARROYO, HOOPER, CRESPO, HUNTER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HIKIND, PERRY, SIMON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the executive law, in relation to enabling veterans and reservists to receive benefit information upon applying for or renewing a driver's license

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 508 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. The commissioner, in consultation with the director of the division of veterans' affairs, is directed to establish a process by which the department shall refer driver's license and non-driver identification card applicants requesting and obtaining a notation upon such license or non-driver identification card that he or she is a veteran of the United States armed forces pursuant to subdivision three of section four hundred ninety of this chapter or subdivision one of section five hundred two of this article, upon his or her request, to the division of veterans' affairs, consistent with the provisions of section three hundred fifty-four-a of the executive law.

§ 2. Section 354-a of the executive law, as amended by section 95 of subpart B of part C of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 § 354-a. Information on status of veterans receiving assistance.
2 Departments, divisions, bureaus, boards, commissions and agencies of the
3 state and political subdivisions thereof, which provide assistance,
4 treatment, counseling, care, supervision or custody in service areas
5 involving health, mental health, family services, criminal justice or
6 employment, including but not limited to the office of alcoholism and
7 substance abuse services, office of mental health, office of probation
8 and correctional alternatives, office of children and family services,
9 office of temporary and disability assistance, department of health,
10 department of labor, local workforce investment boards, office for
11 people with developmental disabilities, and department of corrections
12 and community supervision, shall request assisted persons to provide
13 information with regard to their veteran status and military experi-
14 ences. Individuals identifying themselves as veterans, including indi-
15 viduals requesting and obtaining a veterans notation on their driver's
16 license or non-driver identification card pursuant to sections four
17 hundred ninety and five hundred two of the vehicle and traffic law,
18 shall be advised that the division of veterans' affairs and local veter-
19 ans' service agencies established pursuant to section three hundred
20 fifty-seven of this article provide assistance to veterans regarding
21 benefits under federal and state law. Information regarding veterans
22 status and military service provided by assisted persons solely to
23 implement this section shall be protected as personal confidential
24 information under article six-A of the public officers law against
25 disclosure of confidential material, and used only to assist in the
26 diagnosis, treatment, assessment and handling of the veteran's problems
27 within the agency requesting such information and in referring the
28 veteran to the division of veterans' affairs for information and assist-
29 ance with regard to benefits and entitlements under federal and state
30 law.

31 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
32 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
33 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
34 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
35 completed on or before such effective date.