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Introduced by Sens. CROCI, ADDABBO, AKSHAR, AVELLA, CARLUCCI, FUNKE, GALLIVAN, GOLDEN, HANNON, HELMING, KENNEDY, LARKIN, LITTLE, MARCHIONE, MURPHY, ORTT, PARKER, PHILLIPS, RANZENHOFER, RITCHIE, SEWARD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- recommitted to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 352-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 352-a. Veterans employment task force. 1. There shall be in the
4 division a task force on veterans employment opportunities which shall
5 consist of the following eleven members: the state director of veterans'
6 affairs or his or her designee, who shall serve as the chair of the task
7 force; the commissioner of the office of general services, or his or her
8 designee; the president of the state civil service commission, or his or
9 her designee; the commissioner of labor, or his or her designee; the
10 adjutant general for the state of New York, or his or her designee; two
11 members appointed by the temporary president of the senate, one of whom
12 shall be a representative from the private sector; two members appointed
13 by the speaker of the assembly, one of whom shall be a representative
14 from the private sector; one member appointed by the minority leader of
15 the senate; and one member appointed by the minority leader of the
16 assembly.

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

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1 2. No member of the task force shall be disqualified from holding any
2 public office or employment, nor shall he or she forfeit any such office
3 of employment by virtue of his or her appointment pursuant to this
4 section.

5 3. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their
6 services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses
7 incurred in the performance of their functions pursuant to this section.

8 4. On an annual basis, the task force shall hold at least two public
9 hearings. To the extent practicable, such hearings shall be held in
10 different regions of the state. During the public hearings, the task
11 force shall hear the testimony of voluntary witnesses, may compel the
12 testimony of witnesses and may require the production of any documents
13 the task force deems reasonably necessary to carry out its responsibil-
14 ities.

15 5. The task force shall issue a report on June 30, 2020, and every two
16 years after such date, to the governor, the temporary president of the
17 senate, and the speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include but
18 not be limited to:

19 (a) recommendations on the development of new methods and programs
20 aimed at assisting the state's veterans in finding and maintaining mean-
21 ingful employment opportunities;

22 (b) an analysis of the current methods and programs;

23 (c) the impact on veteran employment by professional licensing;

24 (d) the impact of veteran contractor programs;

25 (e) the impact of tax credits and municipal grants for hiring unem-
26 ployed veterans; and

27 (f) any private sector initiatives.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; and shall expire and be
29 deemed repealed December 31, 2022.