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Introduced by Sen. KAPLAN -- 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, in relation to the women veterans coordinator

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 361-b of the executive law, as amended by chapter 515 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3. Establishment of women veterans coordinator. There is hereby established within the division, a "women veterans coordinator" who shall work under the direction of the director and whose duties shall include, but not be limited to, the:

(a) identification, development, planning, organization and coordination of all statewide programs and services to meet the needs of women veterans;

(b) recommendation to the director to ensure compliance with all existing division policies and regulations pertaining to the needs of women veterans on the state and federal level and make recommendations regarding the improvement of benefits and services to women veterans;

(c) liaison between the division, the United States department of veterans affairs center for women veterans, the United States department of veterans affairs advisory committee on women veterans, state veterans nursing homes, state agencies, community groups, advocates and other veterans and military organizations and interested parties;

(d) **advocating for all women veterans in the state;**

(e) development and maintenance of a clearinghouse for information and resources for women veterans;

[~~(e)~~] **(f)** promote events and activities that recognize, educate and honor women veterans, including but not limited to seminars required

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

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under subdivision four-b of section three hundred fifty-three of this article**, veteran human rights conferences, veterans benefits and resources events, and veterans cultural competence training**;

(g) inclusion of the contributions women veterans have made on behalf of the United States and this state on the division's official website; and

[~~(f)~~] **(h)** preparation of reports **on topics including, but not limited to, the demographics of women veterans, the number of women veterans listed by county, and the unique needs of the women veterans population** to the director on the status of women veterans within New York state.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.