STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 5, 2020

Introduced by Sens. BROOKS, HELMING, JORDAN, LAVALLE, RANZENHOFER, ROBACH, SEWARD -- 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 county law and the executive law, in relation to the reporting of a veteran's suicide

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

Section 1. Section 677 of the county law is amended by adding a new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

10. The coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner shall promptly report to the division of veterans' affairs, in a one page form developed and provided by such division, any death which appears to be a suicide by a person who, to the knowledge of the coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, is a veteran.

§ 2. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 25 to read as follows:

25. To develop a one page form by which a coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner shall fill out to report to the division any death which appears to be a suicide by a person who, to the knowledge of the coroner, coroner's physician or medical examiner, is a veteran. This form shall provide the address to which the form is to be mailed or submitted electronically.

§ 3. Within 60 days of the effective date of this act, the division of veterans' affairs shall establish and implement the procedures and forms necessary for the implementation of this act.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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