STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 8, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to directing the division of veterans' services to route 838 calls to the national suicide prevention lifeline

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 353-b to read as follows:

§ 353-b. Routing of 838 calls; national suicide prevention lifeline. The division shall provide that any person dialing the digits 838 shall be automatically redirected and connected to the national suicide prevention lifeline telephone number. The division shall work in cooperation with the office of information technology services, landline and wireless telephone service providers and federal, state and local agencies in carrying out the provisions of this section.

§ 2. 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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