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Introduced by Sens. PARKER, ADDABBO, BAILEY, COMRIE, SEPULVEDA -- 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 mental hygiene law, in relation to providing information on where to seek help in regards to military sexual trauma

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

Section 1. Section 7.09 of the mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new subdivision (l) to read as follows:

(l) The commissioner shall disseminate information to veterans regarding which United States Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, outpatient clinics, community-based outpatient clinics, vet centers or other United States Department of Veterans Affairs facilities veterans can seek treatment, counselling and resources for military sexual trauma experienced while on active duty or during military training. Such information shall be posted on the office's website with a link to the website of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and a link to the website of the state division of veterans' affairs.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of mental health shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this act on or before its effective date.

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

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