STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 12, 2022

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the cost of maintenance and operation of veterans' service agencies

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 359 of the executive law, as amended by section 42 of part AA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. A local director shall designate the location of the local and branch offices of the local veterans' service agency within his or her jurisdiction, which offices shall be open during convenient hours. The cost of maintenance and operation of a county veterans' service agency shall be a county charge and the cost of maintenance and operation of a city veterans' service agency shall be a city charge, excepting that the state director with the approval of the veterans' services commission shall allot and pay, from state moneys made available to him or her for such purposes, to each county veterans' service agency and each city veterans' service agency, an amount equal to [~~fifty per centum of its expenditures for maintenance and operation approved by the state director, provided that in no event shall the amount allotted and paid for such approved expenditures incurred in any given year exceed (1) in the case of any county veterans' service agency in a county having a population of not more than one hundred thousand or in the case of any city veterans' service agency in a city having a population of not more than one hundred thousand, the sum of ten thousand dollars, nor (2) in the case of any county veterans' service agency in a county having a population in excess of one hundred thousand excluding the population of any city therein which has a city veterans' service agency, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and, in addition thereto, the sum of five thousand dollars for each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the population of the county in excess of one hundred thousand excluding the population of any city therein which has a city veterans' service agency, nor (3) in the case of any city veterans' service agency in a city~~

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

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~~having a population in excess of one hundred thousand, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and, in addition thereto, the sum of five thousand dollars for each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the population of the city in excess of one hundred thousand. Such population shall be certified in the same manner as provided by section fifty-four of the state finance law~~] one-half of one percent of the previous year's geographic distribution of veterans' administration expenditures for each county for maintenance and operations approved by the state director.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.