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## IN SENATE

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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 directing the state director of veterans' affairs to submit a plan relating to coordinated services for service-disabled veterans to the veterans' affairs commission

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby recognizes that  
2 New York state's veterans, particularly those who suffered service-re-  
3 lated disabilities, have unique needs as a result of the sacrifices they  
4 made during their military service. It is also hereby acknowledged by  
5 the legislature that due to the complexity of their needs, such individ-  
6 uals require accessible, coordinated, and specialized services within  
7 their communities from multiple state and local agencies. The legisla-  
8 ture finds that there is an immediate need for a statewide comprehensive  
9 program to coordinate such services.

10 § 2. Section 352 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
11 subdivision 6 to read as follows:

12 6. The state director shall submit a plan to the commission by July  
13 first, two thousand twenty-two, and every five years thereafter, with  
14 findings and recommendations to:

15 (a) promote the implementation of a comprehensive statewide program of  
16 coordinated services for service-disabled veterans that includes:

17 (i) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services  
18 and facilities;

19 (ii) health, medical and rehabilitation services;

20 (iii) employment and re-employment services;

21 (iv) housing options;

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

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1 (v) transportation options;  
2 (vi) long term care options;  
3 (vii) personal care;  
4 (viii) day program service options;  
5 (ix) family outreach; and  
6 (x) other essential services that maximize existing resources;  
7 (b) disseminate general information about available services to  
8 service-disabled veterans and how such services may be accessed; and  
9 (c) conduct an ongoing evaluation on the needs of service disabled  
10 veterans.

11 Upon receipt of such plan from the state director, the commission  
12 shall vote within ninety days on whether to approve, modify or reject  
13 the plan; provided, however, if the commission modifies or rejects the  
14 plan, the state director shall resubmit the plan to the commission with-  
15 in six months for approval.

16 Upon approval of the plan by the commission, the state director shall  
17 submit within thirty days of such approval a copy of the plan to the  
18 governor, temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly.

19 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.