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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. GRIFFO, AKSHAR, LANZA, RITCHIE -- 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 the establishment of the New York state veterans cemetery act

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state veterans cemetery act".

§ 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 368-a to read as follows:

§ 368-a. Veterans cemetery funding promotion program. The division is hereby directed to establish, produce and conduct a New York state veterans cemetery funding promotion program. The purpose of the New York state veterans cemetery funding program would be to encourage the giving of financial contributions, by individuals, groups and corporations, to the veterans remembrance and cemetery maintenance and operation fund, created pursuant to section ninety-seven-mmmm of the state finance law, which was established to provide funding for veterans cemeteries pursuant to the New York state veterans cemetery program created under section three hundred sixty-five of this chapter. In establishing the New York state veterans cemetery funding promotion program, the division shall establish, produce and conduct programs, projects, and materials designed to encourage the giving of financial contributions, by individuals, groups and corporations, to the veterans remembrance and cemetery maintenance and operation fund. The division shall further seek, and may apply on behalf of the state of New York, for grants and contributions, from governments and/or other institutional funding sources, for deposit in, and use by, the veterans remembrance and cemetery maintenance and operation fund, for the purpose of constructing, operating and financing New York state veterans cemeteries. Every year, not later than the

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

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fifteenth of December, the division shall produce a report of the activities and operation of the New York state veterans cemetery funding promotion program, and shall deliver a copy of such report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the chair of the senate standing committee on veterans, homeland security and military affairs and the chair of the assembly standing committee on veterans' affairs. Such report shall contain information on the operations and progress of the New York state veterans cemetery funding promotion program, as well as recommendations to the legislature on the New York state veterans cemetery funding promotion program, and establishing, maintaining and operating state veterans cemeteries in accordance with the New York state veterans cemetery program.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.