STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HARCKHAM -- 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 certain questions regarding veterans on intake forms for admission and residency

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 368-a to read as follows:

§ 368-a. Intake forms for admission and residency. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the division, in cooperation with the department of health, the office of temporary and disability assistance, the office of mental health and any other state department, office, division or agency the division deems necessary, shall require that all intake forms for admission or residency to any hospital, nursing home, assisted living facility or homeless shelter that require information regarding an applicant's military status state the question to obtain such information in the following manner: "Have you ever served in the military?". In addition, the division, in cooperation with such departments, offices, divisions or agencies, shall no longer use the following language, or any language similar thereto: "Are you a veteran?".

2. The state director is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such date.

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

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