STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 5, 2022

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- 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 division of veterans' services to develop a veterans memorial registry

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-b to read as follows:

§ 368-b. Veterans memorial registry. 1. The division is directed to develop a veterans memorial registry in consultation with the director of the New York state military museum and veterans resource center, the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation, the commissioner of the office of general services and the state historian. The registry shall be made available on the division's website.

2. The registry shall consist of a searchable database of veterans memorials located within the state. The registry shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding the location of a memorial and who or what veteran or battle the memorial is honoring. Additional information may include historical information such as who authorized the erection of such memorial and the year of the dedication. Such registry shall be searchable by location, veteran or battle.

3. In developing such registry, the division may solicit information from local historians pursuant to section 57.09 of the arts and cultural affairs law. Individuals and organizations, including but not limited to, local veterans' service agencies staff, and members of congressionally chartered veterans' service organizations may submit information for inclusion in the registry, on a form developed by the division.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year 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 effective date.

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

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