STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 11, 2023

Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 veterans' services law and the public health law, in relation to directing the department of veterans' services to establish and operate a publicly accessible electronic database of the availability of openings for admission to state veterans' homes

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

Section 1. Section 4 of the veterans' services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 38 to read as follows:

38. To, in consultation and cooperation with the department of health, establish and operate an internet website electronic database, accessible to the public, which provides the number of available openings for eligible individuals at each state veterans' home operated pursuant to article twenty-six-A of the public health law. In addition, such electronic database shall, for each such veterans' home, provide the number of eligible individuals who are on the waiting list for admission to the state veterans' home and information on the admission process including, but not limited to, eligibility requirements relating to military service history, honorable discharge, service connected disability, and skilled nursing needs. The department and the department of health shall jointly ensure that the information posted on the electronic database established pursuant to this subdivision is maintained and updated on a real time basis as such information changes.

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2636 to read as follows:

§ 2636. State veterans' home electronic database. The department shall fully cooperate with the department of veterans' services to establish and operate the electronic database provided for in subdivision thirty-eight of section four of the veterans' services law, and provide infor-

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

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mation relating to the state veterans' homes operated pursuant to this article to such division on a real time basis.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law except that if part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 shall not have taken effect then this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter takes effect, and provided further that effective immediately, any actions necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized to be completed on or before such date.