# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- 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, in relation to the employment of veterans with disabilities

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

Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 4 of the veterans' services law is amended to read as follows:

13. To provide information regarding resources that are available to assist veterans in obtaining employment by maintaining a veterans' employment portal on the department's internet website. Such portal shall provide virtual links to appropriate governmental programs on the federal and state level, including, but not limited to the United States department of labor [~~and~~], the New York state department of labor, and the New York state department of civil service. The department may consult with members of the community devoted to helping veterans obtain employment. The department shall make reference to this information pursuant to subdivisions five, six, and seven of this section and the annual report to the governor and the legislature as provided in subdivision seventeen of this section. Such information required under this subdivision shall be maintained and updated annually. The information may also be made available in printed form.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 13 of the veterans' services law is amended to read as follows:

1. A state veterans' service agency established by the department pursuant to this article shall have power and it shall be its duty to inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist members of the uniformed services and veterans, who are residents of this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health, medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges to members of the uniformed services and war veterans and

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

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their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, **including the employment of veterans with disabilities program under section fifty-five-c of the civil service law,** and (5) other matters of similar, related or appropriate nature. The state veterans' service agency also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the state commissioner.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 15 of the veterans' services law is amended to read as follows:

1. A local veterans' service agency shall have power under the direction of the state veterans' service agency, and it shall be its duty to inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist members of the uniformed services and veterans, who are residents of this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health, medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges to members of the uniformed services and war veterans and their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, **including the employment of veterans with disabilities program under section fifty-five-c of the civil service law,** (5) the process of submitting an application for a discharge upgrade to the discharge upgrade advisory board, and (6) other matters of similar, related or appropriate nature. The local veterans' service agency may also assist families of members of the reserve components of the uniformed services and the organized militia ordered into active duty to ensure that they are made aware of and are receiving all appropriate support available to them and are placed in contact with the agencies responsible for such support, including, but not limited to, the division of military and naval affairs and other state agencies responsible for providing such support. The local veterans' service agency also shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the state commissioner.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.