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Introduced by M. of A. BARRETT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing public requests for information from any county, city, town, or village desiring to have any memorial located within their municipality listed within the veterans memorial registry; to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to directing the department of veterans' services to establish a veterans memorial registry; and to repeal section 368-b of the executive law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 368-b of the executive law,
2 as added by a chapter of the laws of 2022, amending the executive law
3 relating to directing the division of veterans' services to develop a
4 veterans memorial registry, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
5 8729 and A. 9590, are amended to read as follows:

6 2. The registry shall consist of a searchable database of those veter-
7 ans memorials located within the state submitted pursuant to subdivision
8 three of this section. The registry shall include, but not be limited
9 to, information regarding the location of a memorial and who or what
10 veteran or battle the memorial is honoring. Additional information may
11 include historical information such as who authorized the erection of
12 such memorial and the year of the dedication. Such registry shall be
13 searchable by location, veteran or battle.

14 3. [~~In developing such registry,~~ The state director shall issue, on
15 behalf of the division [~~may solicit information from local historians~~
16 ~~pursuant to section 57.09 of the arts and cultural affairs law~~], a
17 public request for information for any county, city, town, or village
18 desiring to have any memorial located within their municipality listed
19 within the registry. Each county, city, town, or village may submit
20 responses to the division's request for information at any time after
21 such request for information has been issued. Individuals and organiza-
22 tions, including but not limited to, local veterans' service agencies
23 staff, and members of congressionally chartered veterans' service organ-

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

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1 izations may [~~submit information for~~] provide recommendations to a muni-
2 cipality for inclusion in the registry[~~, on a form developed by the~~
3 ~~division~~]. In responding to the division's public request for informa-
4 tion, a municipality shall identify the memorial or memorials it desires
5 to have included in the registry and submit any information required
6 pursuant to subdivision two of this section to the division.

7 § 2. The veterans' services law is amended by adding a new section
8 29-a to read as follows:

9 § 29-a. Veterans memorial registry. 1. The department is directed to
10 develop a veterans memorial registry in consultation with the director
11 of the New York state military museum and veterans resource center, the
12 commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preserva-
13 tion, the commissioner of the office of general services and the state
14 historian. The registry shall be made available on the department's
15 website.

16 2. The registry shall consist of a searchable database of those veter-
17 ans memorials located within the state submitted pursuant to subdivision
18 three of this section. The registry shall include, but not be limited
19 to, information regarding the location of a memorial and who or what
20 veteran or battle such memorial is honoring. Additional information may
21 include historical information such as who authorized the erection of
22 such memorial and the year of the dedication. Such registry shall be
23 searchable by location, veteran or battle.

24 3. The state commissioner shall issue, on behalf of the department, a
25 public request for information for any county, city, town, or village
26 desiring to have any memorial located within their municipality listed
27 within the registry. Each county, city, town, or village may submit
28 responses to the department's request for information at any time after
29 the request for information has been issued. Individuals and organiza-
30 tions, including but not limited to, local veterans' service agencies
31 staff and members of congressionally chartered veterans' service organ-
32 izations may provide recommendations to a municipality for inclusion in
33 the registry. In responding to the department's public request for
34 information, a municipality shall identify the memorial or memorials it
35 desires to have included in the registry and submit any information
36 required pursuant to subdivision two of this section to the department.

37 § 3. Section 368-b of the executive law, as added by a chapter of the
38 laws of 2022, amending the executive law relating to directing the divi-
39 sion of veterans' services to develop a veterans memorial registry, as
40 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8729 and A. 9590, is REPEALED.

41 § 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
42 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2022 amending the executive law
43 relating to directing the division of veterans' services to develop a
44 veterans memorial registry, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
45 8729 and A. 9590, takes effect; provided, however, that section three of
46 this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as
47 section 2 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, takes effect.
48 Provided, further:

49 (a) that the amendments made to subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 368-b
50 of the executive law made by section one of this act shall not affect
51 the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and

52 (b) that if section 2 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022
53 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section two of
54 this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as
55 section 2 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, takes effect.