

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:

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

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

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

19 § 2636. State veterans' home electronic database. The department shall
20 fully cooperate with the department of veterans' services to establish
21 and operate the electronic database provided for in subdivision thirty-
22 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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1 mation relating to the state veterans' homes operated pursuant to this
2 article to such division on a real time basis.
3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law except that if part PP of chapter 56 of the
5 laws of 2022 shall not have taken effect then this act shall take effect
6 on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter takes effect,
7 and provided further that effective immediately, any actions necessary
8 to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are
9 authorized to be completed on or before such date.