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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Home-
land Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to directing the
department of veterans' services to collaborate with other state agen-
cies to establish and maintain a searchable database of resources
available in the state for veterans and their families

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, 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. (a) To, in collaboration with other state agencies including, but
4 not limited to, the office of mental health, the department of health,
5 the office of general services, the department of labor, the department
6 of state, and the department of financial services, establish and main-
7 tain a searchable database of resources available in the state for
8 veterans and their families. Such database shall include:

9 (1) general information about and contact information for resources
10 including, but not limited to, those relating to veterans' benefits,
11 healthcare, housing, employment, veteran-owned businesses, survivor
12 benefits, substance use disorder treatment, physical disabilities,
13 educational and job benefits, tuition assistance programs, health and
14 mental health referrals, real property tax exemptions, suicide
15 prevention, and peer outreach and support;

16 (2) information about the department's mobile application, established
17 under subdivision twenty-one of this section; and

18 (3) links to the department's small business portal, established under
19 subdivision twelve, the department's veterans' employment portal, estab-
20 lished under subdivision thirteen, the department's mental health,
21 substance abuse, and physical disabilities portals, established under

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

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1 subdivision twenty-seven, and the department's military sexual trauma
2 portal, established under subdivision thirty-two of this section.

3 (b) The database created pursuant to this subdivision shall be made
4 available on the department's website and shall be reviewed and updated
5 annually.

6 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
7 have become a law.