

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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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 the employ-  
ment of veterans with disabilities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-  
bly, 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 subdi-  
vision 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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1 their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, including the  
2 employment of veterans with disabilities program under section fifty-  
3 five-c of the civil service law, and (5) other matters of similar,  
4 related or appropriate nature. The state veterans' service agency also  
5 shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the state commis-  
6 sioner.

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

9 1. A local veterans' service agency shall have power under the direc-  
10 tion of the state veterans' service agency, and it shall be its duty to  
11 inform military and naval authorities of the United States and assist  
12 members of the uniformed services and veterans, who are residents of  
13 this state, and their families, in relation to (1) matters pertaining to  
14 educational training and retraining services and facilities, (2) health,  
15 medical and rehabilitation services and facilities, (3) provisions of  
16 federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights  
17 and privileges to members of the uniformed services and war veterans and  
18 their families, (4) employment and re-employment services, including the  
19 employment of veterans with disabilities program under section fifty-  
20 five-c of the civil service law, (5) the process of submitting an appli-  
21 cation for a discharge upgrade to the discharge upgrade advisory board,  
22 and (6) other matters of similar, related or appropriate nature. The  
23 local veterans' service agency may also assist families of members of  
24 the reserve components of the uniformed services and the organized mili-  
25 tia ordered into active duty to ensure that they are made aware of and  
26 are receiving all appropriate support available to them and are placed  
27 in contact with the agencies responsible for such support, including,  
28 but not limited to, the division of military and naval affairs and other  
29 state agencies responsible for providing such support. The local veter-  
30 ans' service agency also shall perform such other duties as may be  
31 assigned by the state commissioner.

32 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.