STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

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, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to the cost of maintenance and operation of local veterans' service agencies

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 16 of the veterans' services law is amended to read as follows:

1. A local director shall designate the location of the local and branch offices of the local veterans' service agency within [~~his or her~~] **such director's** jurisdiction, which offices shall be open during convenient hours. The cost of maintenance and operation of a county veterans' service agency shall be a county charge and the cost of maintenance and operation of a city veterans' service agency shall be a city charge, excepting that the state commissioner with the approval of the veterans' services commission shall allot and pay, from state moneys made available to [~~him or her~~] **the state commissioner** for such purposes, to each county veterans' service agency and each city veterans' service agency, an amount equal to [~~fifty per centum of its expenditures for maintenance and operation approved by the state commissioner, provided that in no event shall the amount allotted and paid for such approved expenditures incurred in any given year exceed (1) in the case of any county veterans' service agency in a county having a population of not more than one hundred thousand or in the case of any city veterans' service agency in a city having a population of not more than one hundred thousand, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, nor (2) in the case of any county veterans' service agency in a county having a population in excess of one hundred thousand excluding the population of any city therein which has a city veterans' service agency, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and, in addition thereto, the sum of five thousand dollars for~~

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

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~~each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the population of the county in excess of one hundred thousand excluding the population of any city therein which has a city veterans' service agency, nor (3) in the case of any city veterans' service agency in a city having a population in excess of one hundred thousand, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, and, in addition thereto, the sum of five thousand dollars for each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the population of the city in excess of one hundred thousand. Such population shall be certified in the same manner as provided by section fifty-four of the state finance law~~] one-half of one percent of the previous year's geographic distribution of veterans' administration expenditures for each county for maintenance and operations approved by the state director.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.