STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

April 22, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law and the economic development law, in relation to making widely available information on programs related to the hiring of veterans

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

Section 1. Section 4 of the veterans' services law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 40 and 41 to read as follows:

40. To make widely available, via, among other things, publication on the department's website and free mobile application pursuant to subdivision twenty-one of this section, information about federal and state programs available to business owners that employ veterans, including but not limited to eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply for programs related to the hiring of veterans, including but not limited to the federal work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) pursuant to 26 USC § 51 et seq. and the hire a vet credit pursuant to subdivision twenty-nine of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, subdivision (a-2) of section six hundred six of the tax law, and subdivision (g-1) of section fifteen hundred eleven of the tax law. The information required to be made available under this subdivision shall be updated and maintained at least annually.

41. To coordinate with the department of taxation and finance and the department of economic development to increase employer awareness about the availability of programs related to the hiring of veterans, including but not limited to the federal work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) pursuant to 26 USC § 51 et seq. and the hire a vet credit pursuant to subdivision twenty-nine of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, subdivision (a-2) of section six hundred six of the tax law, and subdivision (g-1) of section fifteen hundred eleven of the tax law.

§ 2. Subdivision 49 of section 100 of the economic development law, as renumbered by chapter 728 of the laws of 2021, is renumbered subdivision 50 and a new subdivision 49 is added to read as follows:

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

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49. to make widely available, via, among other things, publication on the department's website, information about federal and state programs available to businesses that employ veterans, including but not limited to eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply for programs related to the hiring of veterans, including but not limited to the federal work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) pursuant to 26 USC § 51 et seq. and the hire a vet credit pursuant to subdivision twenty-nine of section two hundred ten-B of the tax law, subdivision (a-2) of section six hundred six of the tax law, and subdivision (g-1) of section fifteen hundred eleven of the tax law. The information required to be made available under this subdivision shall be updated and maintained at least annually.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.