STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to directing the department of veterans' services to establish and maintain, in consultation and collaboration with other state agencies, a searchable database of resources available in the state for veterans, members of the uniformed services, and their families

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 a new subdivision 40 to read as follows:

40. (a) To establish and maintain, in consultation and collaboration with other state agencies including, but not limited to, the office of mental health, the department of health, the office of general services, the department of labor, the department of state, and the department of financial services, a searchable database of resources available in the state for veterans, members of the uniformed services, and their families. Such database shall include but not be limited to:

(1) general information about and contact information for resources available through federal, state, and local government agencies and other organizations including, but not limited to, those relating to veterans' benefits, healthcare, housing, employment, veteran-owned businesses, survivor benefits, substance use disorder treatment, physical disabilities, educational and job benefits, tuition assistance programs, health and mental health referrals, real property tax exemptions, suicide prevention, and peer outreach and support;

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

(3) links to the department's small business portal, established under subdivision twelve of this section, the department's veterans' employment portal, established under subdivision thirteen of this section, the

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

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department's mental health, substance abuse, and physical disabilities portals, established under subdivision twenty-seven of this section, and the department's military sexual trauma portal, established under subdivision thirty-two of this section.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.