

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- 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 veterans' service agencies

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 16 of the veterans' services law,
2 is amended to read as follows:
3 1. A local director shall designate the location of the local and
4 branch offices of the local veterans' service agency within [~~his or her~~
5 such director's] jurisdiction, which offices shall be open during conven-
6 nient hours. The [~~cost of maintenance and operation of a county veterans'
7 service agency shall be a county charge and the cost of maintenance and
8 operation of a city veterans' service agency shall be a city charge,
9 excepting that the~~] state commissioner with the approval of the veter-
10 ans' services commission shall allot and pay, from state moneys made
11 available to [~~him or her~~ them] for such purposes, to each county veter-
12 ans' service agency and each city veterans' service agency, an amount
13 equal to [~~fifty per centum of~~] its expenditures for maintenance and
14 operation approved by the state commissioner, provided that in no event
15 shall the amount allotted and paid for such approved expenditures
16 incurred in any given year exceed (1) in the case of any county veter-
17 ans' service agency in a county having a population of not more than one
18 hundred thousand or in the case of any city veterans' service agency in
19 a city having a population of not more than one hundred thousand, the
20 sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, nor (2) in the case of any county
21 veterans' service agency in a county having a population in excess of
22 one hundred thousand excluding the population of any city therein which
23 has a city veterans' service agency, the sum of twenty-five thousand
24 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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1 each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the population
2 of the county in excess of one hundred thousand excluding the population
3 of any city therein which has a city veterans' service agency, nor (3)
4 in the case of any city veterans' service agency in a city having a
5 population in excess of one hundred thousand, the sum of twenty-five
6 thousand dollars, and, in addition thereto, the sum of five thousand
7 dollars for each one hundred thousand, or major portion thereof, of the
8 population of the city in excess of one hundred thousand. Such popu-
9 lation shall be certified in the same manner as provided by section
10 fifty-four of the state finance law.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.