

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 21, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SCARCELLA-SPANTON, ADDABBO, ROLISON, WEBB, WEBER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to certificates of honorable separation from or service in the armed forces of the United States

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

1 Section 1. Section 4 of the veterans' services law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 40 to read as follows:

3 40. To receive a certificate of release or discharge from active duty
4 which was issued by the United States government and delivered to the
5 department, and shall forward such certificate within sixty days of
6 receipt to the appropriate local veterans' service agency, based upon
7 the mailing address after separation noted on such certificate. Such
8 transmission may be made electronically. Information contained in such
9 certificates shall be protected as personal confidential information
10 under article six-A of the public officers law against disclosure of
11 confidential material, and used only for information and assistance with
12 regards to state benefits and entitlements under federal and state law.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
14 have become a law.

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

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