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## 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, Home-  
land Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the veterans' services law, in relation to creating a  
women veterans history trail in order to recognize and celebrate the  
history of women in service

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

1 Section 1. The veterans' services law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 20-a to read as follows:

3 § 20-a. Women veterans history trail. 1. The department shall develop  
4 and designate a women veterans history trail in consultation with the  
5 director of the New York state military museum and veterans resource  
6 center, the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic  
7 preservation, and the state historian.

8 2. The women veterans history trail shall include, but not be limited  
9 to, museums, memorials, battle sites, historic homes, and any other item  
10 that the commissioner may approve.

11 3. The commissioner shall issue, on behalf of the department, a public  
12 request for information for any county, city, town, or village desiring  
13 to have any municipality, historic site or institution to be included in  
14 the trail. Individuals and organizations, including but not limited to  
15 local veterans' service agencies or congressional chartered veterans'  
16 service organizations, may provide recommendations for the inclusion of  
17 the trail.

18 4. The department shall develop a method of posting information about  
19 the trail established pursuant to this section publicly, including but  
20 not limited to the department's website, a free mobile application,  
21 press releases, and the digital veterans' welcome kiosks located state-  
22 wide.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
24 have become a law.

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

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