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A Local Law to amend the New York city charter, in relation to creating veterans resource centers.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 14 of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision e to read as follows:

e. Veterans Resource Centers. 1. The director of veterans' affairs shall ensure that at least one veterans resource center is established and operational in each borough of the city by no later than November 1, 2015. Each such center shall be located in a geographic area that is easily accessible and in close proximity to public transportation. Each such center shall provide veterans with up-to-date information, free of charge, regarding (i) matters within its purview pursuant to this section and state executive law section 358, including but not limited to matters described in subparagraphs (a) through (d) of paragraph (1) of subdivision c of this section; (ii) housing; (iii) social services offered by public agencies and charitable and private organizations, including but not limited to the provision of specific contact information with respect to such agencies and organizations; and (iv) financial assistance and tax exemptions available to veterans.

2. The director of veterans' affairs shall, beginning May 1, 2016 and every six months thereafter, submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council regarding the operation of the veterans resource centers established pursuant to this subdivision. Such report shall include but not be limited to the following information, disaggregated by each such center: (i) the number of veterans utilizing such center; (ii) a summary of the services offered by such center; (iii) a description of the services and/or information most frequently requested by veterans utilizing such center; (iv) the number of full-time and part-time staff persons working at such center; (v) the amount of funding allocated to such center; and (vi) the number of complaints received by such center from veterans regarding the services offered by such center, and a general description of the nature

of such complaints.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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