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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to an online resource tool and pamphlet for veterans

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 31 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 31-116 to read as follows:

§ 31-116 Online resource tool and pamphlet for veterans.

a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Veteran. The term "veteran" has the same meaning as set forth in section 3101 of the charter.

Veteran service organization. The term "veteran service organization" means an organization, recognized by the United States department of veterans affairs pursuant to section 5902 of title 38 of the United States code, for the purpose of assisting with the claims for benefits provided by such department.

b. The department shall maintain and operate an online resource tool to enable a veteran or a member of their household to request assistance with accessing resources and obtaining services for veterans, including, but not limited to, services and resources provided by veteran service organizations, community based organizations, the department, or federal, state or local government agencies.

c. The department shall provide a link to the online resource tool described in subdivision b of this section on the website of the department.

d. The city shall ensure that a link to such online resource tool is provided on any online platform

through which the city disseminates information on social services and benefits.

e. The department shall develop a pamphlet that provides information about resources and services provided by the department. Such pamphlet shall include, but need not be limited to, information about the online resource tool described in subdivision b of this section, the veteran resource guide required by section 31-108, and the locations of veteran resource centers as described in section 31-106. The department shall distribute copies of such pamphlet to agencies that provide social services, council member district offices, and community board offices.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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