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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the creation of a veterans resource guide

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 31-108 to read as follows:

§ 31-108 Veterans resource guide. a. The department shall develop and maintain a resource guide for veterans. The department shall regularly update information provided in such guide as is necessary to maintain accuracy.

b. The guide developed pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall include, but not be limited to, information about:

1. Federal, state and city benefits available to veterans and to their spouses or domestic partners, dependents and family members, as applicable, based upon the veterans' military service, which shall include the criteria for eligibility to receive such benefits and information on organizations that employ accredited agents and attorneys to assist veterans with their claims;

2. Provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations affording special rights and privileges to members of the armed forces and veterans and to their spouses or domestic partners, dependents and family members, as applicable, including, but not limited to, protections under the uniformed services employment and reemployment rights act;

3. Protections and remedies afforded to veterans under section 8-107;

4. Physical and mental health programs and resources;

5. Educational and training opportunities;

6. Available sources of low- or no-cost legal assistance;

7. Social services, including, but not limited to, housing and food security supports offered by public agencies and charitable and private organizations;

8. Programs and services administered by public agencies to support veteran-owned businesses;

9. Employment resources; and

10. Any other information deemed relevant by the department.

c. The department shall make such guide available on the department's website and in printed form upon request.

d. The department shall publish on its website, and in any hard copy of such resource guide distributed, information about how relevant service providers can update the department on any changes in the services they offer to veterans.

§ 2. This local law takes effect on the same date as a local law amending the administrative code of the city of New York relating to creating veterans resource centers, as proposed in introduction number 394-A for the year 2018, takes effect.

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