

CHAPTER 82

AN ACT concerning a registry for organizations providing services to veterans and supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.38A:3-46a Registry of organizations providing services to military veterans.

1. a. The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall create and maintain a registry of all organizations that provide services to military veterans. The registry shall be prominently displayed, organized topically, on a public webpage to provide a comprehensive listing of organizations with services addressing the needs of veterans. The department shall actively seek out organizations to include on the registry, and organizations may also voluntarily submit requests to be included on the registry.

The department shall conduct a review of any organization prior to the organization's inclusion on the registry, and the department may, in its discretion, refuse to include an organization on the registry or remove an organization from the registry if the department determines that the organization's services do not reflect the purpose of the registry. Inclusion on the registry shall not be construed to be an endorsement of an organization by the department or State.

b. As used in this section, "organizations that provide services to veterans" includes any organization, not for profit or otherwise, exclusively providing services to veterans or primarily providing services to veterans, or any organization that provides services to a variety of recipients including veterans.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month after the date of enactment, except that the Adjutant General may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved December 5, 2016.