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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to authorizing the division of veterans' affairs to provide for the interment of the unclaimed remains of veterans

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

Section 1. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12-b to read as follows:

12-b. To provide, in cooperation with veterans service organizations, for the interment of the unclaimed remains of veterans. The state director shall consult with veterans service organizations to analyze the scope of the issue of unclaimed remains of veterans. For the purposes of this subdivision, "unclaimed remains of a veteran" shall mean the remains of a veteran that are considered unclaimed under the laws of this state and/or any other state of the United States.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.