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## Stec Co-Sponsored Bill Creating Veterans Resource Database Passes Senate

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Legislation co-sponsored by Senator Dan Stec (R,C-Queensbury) to create a database of resources available in the state for veterans and their families passed the Senate today. Senate bill S6523 would require the Department of Veterans' Services to collaborate with other state agencies to establish and maintain a database on the department's website providing resources available in the state for veterans and their families. If enacted, this bill would both help veterans receive needed assistance and help the Department of Veterans Services gain more accurate information into what programs and services are sought out and utilized.

“New York State has more than 800,000 veterans and the vast majority of them are unable to access the state benefits they’re eligible for,” said Stec. “Creating a database on the Department of Veterans’ Services website would make this information more accessible to veterans and their families, and better allow for them to take advantage of the many programs and services available.

“Creating a streamlined, database helps our veterans, but it will also allow for the Department of Veterans’ Services to have a better idea of how well programs like the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans’ Support Program and if further state and local collaboration

is necessary in helping to meet the needs of our nation's heroes," he continued. "I'm proud to co-sponsor and help pass this bill, and I urge the Assembly to take it up as well."