**Plain Language Summary**

**Current Introduction Number:**

Int. No. 2354-B

**Prime Sponsors:**

By Council Members Dinowitz, Vallone, Yeger and Gennaro (by request of the Mayor)

**Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the charter of the city of New York, in relation to the definition of the term veteran and the membership of the veterans’ advisory board

**Bill Summary:**

**This plain language summary is for informational purposes only and does not substitute for legal counsel. For more information, you should review the full text of the bill, which is available online at legistar.council.nyc.gov.**

This bill would amend the definition of the term “veteran” to additionally include persons currently serving in the active military service, regardless of discharge status or time served. The bill would also amend the definition to include those who serve or have served in the United States Public Health Service or as a commissioned member of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. This bill would also increase the membership of the Veterans’ Advisory Board (VAB) to 13 members, two of whom must be immediate family members, spouses or domestic partners, survivors or caregivers of veterans. The Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) would also be required to publish, and regularly update, a list of all VAB members on the department’s website including term information and appointing official.

**Effective Date:**

120 days after it becomes law.

**Legislative Impact:**

[ ]  **Agency Rulemaking Required**: Is City agency rulemaking required?

[ ]  **Report Required**: Is a report due to Council required?

[ ]  **Sunset Date Included**: Does the legislation have a sunset date?

[x]  **Council Appointment Required**: Is an appointment by the Council required?

[x]  **Other Appointment Required**: Are other appointments not by the Council required?

**Note:** In the full bill text online at legistar.council.nyc.gov, language in proposed consolidated laws that is enclosed by [brackets] would be deleted, and language that is underlined would be new. Language in proposed unconsolidated laws, in contrast, will not have brackets or underlining because it would be entirely new. Consolidation means that the law would be placed in the New York City Charter or Administrative Code.

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