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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to creating and distributing a drug guide for senior consumers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to read as follows:

S 224. SENIOR DRUG GUIDE. THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL, WITHIN AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, PREPARE AND PUBLISH A GUIDE EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE, FUNCTION, AND COMMON DRUG INTERACTIONS OF DRUGS COMMONLY USED BY PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-TWO. THE GUIDE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE EFFECTS OF COMBINING SUCH MEDICATIONS WITH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. THE DIRECTOR SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SUCH GUIDE AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS UPON REQUEST AND WITHOUT CHARGE THROUGH DESIGNATED AGENCIES, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THIS TITLE, EXCEPT THAT REQUESTS FOR MORE THAN TEN COPIES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE CHARGE TO COVER THE COST OF REPRODUCTION AND HANDLING.

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

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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