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Introduced by Sen. DIAZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the New York state prescription medication cost containment program

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 249-a to read as follows:

S 249-A. NEW YORK STATE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION COST CONTAINMENT PROGRAM. 1. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CREATE THE NEW YORK STATE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION COST CONTAINMENT PROGRAM.

2. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL OFFER NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THE ELDERLY PHARMACEUTICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, SEVERAL OPTIONS TO FILL MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS THROUGH A CANADIAN MAIL ORDER COMPANY. SUCH COMPANIES SHALL BE SELECTED THROUGH COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS, TO BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. CANADIAN DRUG SUPPLIERS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO ALL MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS BY CANADA'S RESEARCHED BASED PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after 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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