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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to an economically sustainable transportation demonstration program

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 6 of section 223 of the elder law, as
2 added by section 3 of part J of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, are
3 amended to read as follows:
4 2. The director shall establish the economically sustainable transpor-
5 tation demonstration program for the purpose of enabling seniors to
6 remain independent and mobile in their community. The program [would]
7 SHALL provide an on demand transit service for seniors [that would use]
8 USING automobiles driven by volunteer and paid drivers to transport
9 seniors to where they need and want to go. [After a period of five
10 years, the program would no longer be eligible for state funding and
11 would be completely self-sustaining, relying on consumer fares and
12 voluntary community support to remain operational.]
13 6. [Within amounts appropriated, the] THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A
14 PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR, IN UP TO FIVE COUN-
15 TIES, EACH WITH NOT MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS AS OF THE
16 TWO THOUSAND TEN UNITED STATES CENSUS, OR A COLLABORATIVE PROJECT OF TWO
17 CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES THAT EACH DO NOT HAVE MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED THOU-
18 SAND PERSONS AS OF THE TWO THOUSAND TEN UNITED STATES CENSUS. THE direc-
19 tor shall make grants available to qualified economically sustainable
20 transportation providers of no less than fifty-five thousand dollars per
21 grantee [in the first year of the operation of the program]. EACH
22 PROVIDER SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR BY FEBRU-
23 ARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
24 LIMITED TO, DOCUMENTATION OF PARTICIPATION RATES, ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO
25 IMPLEMENTATION ENCOUNTERED, STEPS TAKEN TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE
26 PROGRAM AND PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION TO OTHER SERVICE AREAS. Such provid-
27 ers shall be eligible to receive funding under this section annually for
28 up to five years. After such time, providers must be able to provide
29 economically sustainable transportation services without receiving
30 further public financial assistance for operating or capital expenses.
31 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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