

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 28, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to assisting state and local law enforcement agencies in establishing a registry to locate certain missing individuals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 24 to read as follows:

3 24. Promulgate, in consultation with the commissioner of the office
4 for people with developmental disabilities, a standardized form that may
5 be used by state and local law enforcement agencies as a voluntary
6 registry to help locate persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders,
7 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, or who are otherwise unable
8 to communicate and who lose the ability to recognize familiar places or
9 faces. Such form may include identifying information on the missing
10 registrant such as physical features, medical conditions, whether the
11 person is non-verbal, and names of family or friends to contact if the
12 person is located. Such form may also provide for a photograph of the
13 registrant to be submitted with the form.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
15 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment
16 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation
17 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
18 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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