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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the providing of information on victim and witness assistance programs to crime victims

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 625-c to read as follows:

S 625-C. INFORMATION RELATIVE TO VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; AVAILABILITY OF. 1. EVERY POLICE STATION, PRECINCT HOUSE AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EVERY GENERAL HOSPITAL ESTABLISHED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE WHICH MAINTAINS FACILITIES FOR PROVIDING OUT-PATIENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE, AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCATION WHERE A CRIME MAY, OR MUST UNDER THE BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS, BE REPORTED SHALL HAVE AVAILABLE A PRINTED LISTING OF ALL VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO CRIME VICTIMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RAPE CRISIS CENTERS, ELDERLY VICTIM PROJECTS, VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINES AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS AND PROGRAMS; CURRENT ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF SUCH PROGRAMS; AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY SUCH PROGRAMS. SUCH PRINTED LISTING SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD. EVERY VICTIM WHO REPORTS A CRIME IN ANY MANNER SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE PERSON RECEIVING THE REPORT WITH VICTIM AND WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INFORMATION, SO LONG AS THE ADDRESS AND NAME OF THE VICTIM IS SUPPLIED.

2. NO CAUSE OF ACTION OF ANY NATURE OR ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF A FAILURE TO GIVE OR RECEIVE THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE BROUGHT AGAINST THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY, LOCAL SUBDIVISION OR POLICE OFFICER OF THE STATE, OR ANY AGENT, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April 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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