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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a statewide toll-free elderly abuse hotline for purposes of reporting of endangered adults

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 473-b of the social services law, as added by chapter 523 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

1. THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A SINGLE STATEWIDE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS ALLEGING ABUSE OR MALTREATMENT OF AN ELDERLY PERSON, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ABUSE, NEGLECT OR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE.

2. Any person who in good faith believes that a person eighteen years of age or older may be an endangered adult or in need of protective or other services, pursuant to this article, and who, based on such belief either:

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law, except that any rules and regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date shall be promulgated on or before such date.

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

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