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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the provision of guides containing best practices for retaining employees who are informal caregivers

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

1     Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to  
2 read as follows:  
3     S 224. INFORMAL CAREGIVERS IN THE WORKPLACE PROGRAM. 1. THE OFFICE  
4 SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, AND IN CONSULTATION  
5 WITH COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF  
6 INFORMAL CAREGIVERS AROUND THE STATE, DEVELOP AND UPDATE ON A YEARLY  
7 BASIS A GUIDE FOR BUSINESSES IN THE STATE THAT CONTAINS CURRENT BEST  
8 PRACTICES FOR RETAINING EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ALSO INFORMAL CAREGIVERS AND  
9 INFORMATION FOR SUPPORTING SUCH EMPLOYEES SO THEY CAN ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE-  
10 NESS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE WORKPLACE.  
11     2. SUCH GUIDE SHALL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITES OF THE OFFICE, THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. BUSINESSES THAT OBTAIN  
13 CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OR DEPARTMENT OF  
14 STATE SHALL BE PROVIDED WITH A LINK TO THE GUIDE PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDI-  
15 VISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, OR A PAPER COPY UPON REQUEST, WHEN THE BUSI-  
16 NESS APPLIES FOR SUCH CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE. A NOMINAL FEE MAY BE  
17 CHARGED FOR PAPER COPIES PROVIDED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT BUSINESS  
18 OWNERS.  
19     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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