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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the New York state prescription medication cost containment program

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 249-a to
2 read as follows:
3 S 249-A. NEW YORK STATE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION COST CONTAINMENT
4 PROGRAM. 1. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO CREATE
5 THE NEW YORK STATE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION COST CONTAINMENT PROGRAM.
6 2. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL OFFER NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR
7 THE EPIC PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO OF THIS ARTI-
8 CLE, SEVERAL OPTIONS TO FILL MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS THROUGH A CANADIAN
9 MAIL ORDER COMPANY. SUCH COMPANIES SHALL BE SELECTED THROUGH COMPETITIVE
10 BIDDING PROCESS, TO BE DESIGNED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIREC-
11 TOR. CANADIAN DRUG SUPPLIERS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO
12 ALL MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS BY CANADA'S RESEARCHED BASED PHARMA-
13 CEUTICAL COMPANIES.
14 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
15 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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