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Introduced by M. of A. BROOK-KRASNY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a telephone reassurance program for senior citizens

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

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to read as follows:

S 224. TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM. 1. THE OFFICE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A TELEPHONE REASSURANCE PROGRAM. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE A SYSTEM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDING IN THIS STATE TO RECEIVE AUTOMATED TELEPHONE CALLS AT REGULAR INTERVALS AT THEIR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. UPON THE FAILURE OF SUCH SENIOR CITIZEN TO ANSWER SUCH AUTOMATED CALL, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE DISPATCHED TO SUCH RESIDENCE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE WELFARE OF SUCH SENIOR CITIZEN. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THAT PARTICIPATION BY A SENIOR CITIZEN IN SUCH PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "SENIOR CITIZEN" SHALL MEAN A PERSON SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

2. IN ESTABLISHING SUCH PROGRAM, THE OFFICE SHALL CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN ORDER TO EFFECT AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR SENDING AND RECEIVING TELEPHONE CALLS, AND FOR THE DISPATCHING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.

3. THE OFFICE IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law, provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be made and completed 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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