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AN ACT to amend chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to authorizing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to certain persons, in relation to statutory authorizations; and to repeal section 4 of such chapter relating thereto

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

1     Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to  
2     authorizing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia  
3     county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to  
4     certain persons, is amended to read as follows:  
5     Section 1.     Legislative intent. [New York state has long recognized  
6     the need to support a full continuum of long term care services for the  
7     aging that supports the ability of seniors to remain in integrated  
8     community settings for as long as possible. The state has offered similar  
9     support to allow persons with developmental disabilities and their  
10    caregivers to live in community settings, but for the most part not in  
11    integrated housing arrangements. Further, the state does not currently  
12    support a service model that adequately supports the increasingly  
13    sophisticated long term health care needs of persons with developmental  
14    disabilities who are elderly in an integrated community setting that  
15    includes elderly persons with developmental disabilities and others.]  
16    The Legislature finds that the Camphill movement has a long tradition  
17    of providing services to persons with developmental disabilities in  
18    fully integrated community settings through its worldwide network of  
19    planned, intentional communities serving persons with and without developmental  
20    disabilities. [Much more than providers of basic services for  
21    people with developmental disabilities, Camphill communities offer an  
22    environment where people of all ages and abilities share home, work and  
23    social activities and enjoy a rich artistic and cultural life with  
24    opportunities for spiritual expression and dignified work. Camphill

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

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1 communities rely on both paid and volunteer workers to ensure that  
2 persons with developmental disabilities can realize their full potential  
3 through constructive and productive interactions as fully participatory  
4 members of their communities.

5 The Legislature further finds that members of such communities must  
6 frequently leave those communities when they develop long term health  
7 care needs that cannot be addressed in those settings. In such cases,  
8 they are often admitted to less integrated settings that negatively  
9 impact their quality of life and generate costs to those individuals and  
10 to the state that would not be necessary if a more appropriate alterna-  
11 tive were available. In recognition of this fact,] Camphill Village USA,  
12 Inc., which currently operates a Camphill community in Copake, New York,  
13 is in the process of developing a community in Ghent, New York, under  
14 the auspices of Camphill Ghent, Inc., ("Camphill Ghent"), that would  
15 provide an array of long term care services, including assisted living,  
16 to persons with and without developmental disabilities WHO WOULD LIVE IN  
17 A FULLY INTEGRATED SETTING in the Camphill tradition. TO PERMIT THE  
18 ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF SUCH COMMUNITY AND ALLOW ITS RESIDENTS TO  
19 "AGE IN PLACE," IT IS NECESSARY TO EXEMPT CAMPHILL GHENT FROM CERTAIN  
20 STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

21 [The Legislature further finds that the Camphill Ghent project is  
22 consistent with the goal of both the department of health and the office  
23 for people with developmental disabilities to provide cost effective  
24 services in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of  
25 residents. In fact, Camphill Ghent has already received support from the  
26 state in the form of a \$9.6 million grant under the Healthcare Efficien-  
27 cy and Affordability Law for New Yorkers and the Federal-State Health  
28 Reform Partnership, pursuant to which it is subject to state oversight  
29 and regulation.

30 However, there are currently legislative barriers to the full realiza-  
31 tion of the Camphill Ghent goal, including barriers against allowing  
32 residents to age in place, barriers against full funding for the  
33 services necessary for persons living in a fully integrated setting who  
34 have both developmental disabilities and significant long term health  
35 care needs, and barriers against the use of volunteer services provided  
36 by the potential residents of the new community. In the past, the Legis-  
37 lature has enacted legislation to support a Camphill-related facility in  
38 New York state by removing such barriers. Moreover, Camphill Village  
39 has a proven track record of providing services at substantially lower  
40 cost than comparable providers. Accordingly, the Legislature finds that  
41 it is in the best interests of the state to establish Camphill Ghent as  
42 a unique program to provide long term care services to persons with  
43 developmental disabilities and others in an integrated community setting  
44 in a manner that allows such individuals to age in place with all appro-  
45 priate state supports, and without the barriers that will prevent such  
46 persons from becoming fully participatory members of their community.]

47 S 2. Section 2 of chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to author-  
48 izing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia county  
49 known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to certain  
50 persons, is amended to read as follows:

51 S 2. The Legislature hereby authorizes the establishment of a communi-  
52 ty in Columbia county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. (hereinafter "Camp-  
53 hill Ghent"), that is specifically designed to provide long term care  
54 and other services to persons with developmental disabilities and  
55 others. Such community shall:

(a) include, at a minimum, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, AS APPROPRIATE, an assisted living program as defined in section 461-1 of the social services law, other adult home beds as defined in subdivision 25 of section 2 of the social services law, and unlicensed housing targeted to seniors aged 55 and over comprised of self-contained studio, one bedroom and two bedroom units connected to common areas for common dining and recreation, and two and three bedroom independent housing units;

(b) include a series of buildings for common use that will house a variety of non-medical services available to community residents;

(c) include both persons with developmental disabilities and persons without developmental disabilities among the residents;

(d) include extensive use of volunteers to supplement the services provided by the required professional staff; and

(e) provide regular reports to the state consistent with its obligations under section 2818 of the public health law.

S 3. Section 3 of chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to authorizing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to certain persons, is amended to read as follows:

S 3. Notwithstanding subdivision 6 of section 461-c and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 461-1 of the social services law, an eligible person who has been admitted to the adult home or assisted living program at Camphill Ghent, who is otherwise no longer eligible for participation in an adult home or assisted living program because such person is in need of continual nursing or medical care, chronically bedfast or chairfast, or cognitively, physically or medically impaired to such a degree that his or her safety would otherwise be endangered, may remain in the adult home or assisted living program at Camphill Ghent provided that the program provides such additional nursing, medical or other care as necessary for such person to be safely and adequately cared for, as determined by the program and such person or his or her legal representative. [The rates payable to the assisted living program at Camphill Ghent may be adjusted to reflect all or part of the cost of such additional medical, nursing or other care.]

S 4. Section 4 of chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to authorizing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to certain persons, is REPEALED.

S 5. Section 5 of chapter 594 of the laws of 2011, relating to authorizing the establishment of a long term care community in Columbia county known as Camphill Ghent, Inc. to provide integrated services to certain persons, is amended to read as follows:

S 5. Camphill Ghent shall be exempt from [the following provisions of the social services law:] subdivision 6 of section 461-c of the social services law regarding retention standards in adult care facilities; subdivision 4 of section 461-d of the social services law regarding compensation of residents of certain adult care facilities for services performed on behalf of such adult care facility; and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 461-1 of the social services law regarding retention standards in assisted living programs. Camphill Ghent shall also be exempt from subdivision 15 of section 4651 and section 4654 of the public health law, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER 2 OF THE LAWS OF 2004, regarding enhanced assisted living certification. The

1 exemption from subdivision 6 of section 461-c of the social services law  
2 and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 461-1  
3 of the social services law shall apply only to the extent that Camphill  
4 Ghent meets the requirements of section three of this act.  
5 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.