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AN ACT 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

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

1 Section 1. Legislative intent. New York state has long recognized the
2 need to support a full continuum of long term care services for the
3 aging that supports the ability of seniors to remain in integrated
4 community settings for as long as possible. The state has offered simi-
5 lar support to allow persons with developmental disabilities and their
6 caregivers to live in community settings, but for the most part not in
7 integrated housing arrangements. Further, the state does not currently
8 support a service model that adequately supports the increasingly
9 sophisticated long term health care needs of persons with developmental
10 disabilities who are elderly in an integrated community setting that
11 includes elderly persons with developmental disabilities and others.
12 The Legislature finds that the Camphill movement has a long tradition
13 of providing services to persons with developmental disabilities in
14 fully integrated community settings through its worldwide network of
15 planned, intentional communities serving persons with and without devel-
16 opmental disabilities. Much more than providers of basic services for
17 people with developmental disabilities, Camphill communities offer an
18 environment where people of all ages and abilities share home, work and
19 social activities and enjoy a rich artistic and cultural life with
20 opportunities for spiritual expression and dignified work. Camphill
21 communities rely on both paid and volunteer workers to ensure that
22 persons with developmental disabilities can realize their full potential
23 through constructive and productive interactions as fully participatory
24 members of their communities.

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

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1 The Legislature further finds that members of such communities must
2 frequently leave those communities when they develop long term health
3 care needs that cannot be addressed in those settings. In such cases,
4 they are often admitted to less integrated settings that negatively
5 impact their quality of life and generate costs to those individuals and
6 to the state that would not be necessary if a more appropriate alterna-
7 tive were available. In recognition of this fact, Camphill Village USA,
8 Inc., which currently operates a Camphill community in Copake, New York,
9 is in the process of developing a community in Ghent, New York, under
10 the auspices of Camphill Ghent, Inc., ("Camphill Ghent"), that would
11 provide an array of long term care services, including assisted living,
12 to persons with and without developmental disabilities in the Camphill
13 tradition.

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

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

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

45 (a) include, at a minimum, an assisted living program as defined in
46 section 461-1 of the social services law, other adult home beds as
47 defined in subdivision 25 of section 2 of the social services law, and
48 unlicensed housing targeted to seniors aged 55 and over comprised of
49 self-contained studio, one bedroom and two bedroom units connected to
50 common areas for common dining and recreation, and two and three bedroom
51 independent housing units;

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

54 (c) include both persons with developmental disabilities and persons
55 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. 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-l 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 shall be adjusted to reflect the cost of such additional medical, nursing or other care.

S 4. Where eligible persons residing in the assisted living program at Camphill Ghent, or persons residing in the assisted living program at Camphill Ghent pursuant to section three of this act, would otherwise be eligible to reside in a supervised individualized residential alternative established pursuant to regulations of the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, the assisted living program at Camphill Ghent shall be entitled to a supplemental payment from the office for people with developmental disabilities equal to the difference between the assisted living program rate attributable to that person and the regional average supervised individualized residential alternative rate that would have been paid had that person resided in a supervised individualized residential alternative, inclusive of both the residential habilitation and room and board components, trended to the current operating year and annually updated. Such supplemental rate shall be used to support additional case management services, protective oversight and the following residential habilitation services, as appropriate: training, support and assistance in pursuing personal valued outcomes, self-advocacy, relationship building, and self direction in making informed choices; training, support and assistance in personal hygiene tasks; training, support and assistance in self-care tasks; training, support and assistance in general household chores including meal preparation; mobility training; training, support and assistance in personal health care; training to maximize personal financial management; training, support and assistance in appropriate normative social behaviors and community inclusion activities; training in fire evacuation procedures and other appropriate life safety activities; and necessary transportation. The Legislature shall appropriate the funding necessary to support such supplemental payment on an annual basis. In no event shall the adult home or assisted living program at Camphill Ghent be required to be licensed under any provision of the mental hygiene law by virtue of such supplemental payment or the services it supports.

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

1 performed on behalf of such adult care facility; and subparagraph (ii)
2 of paragraph (d) of subdivision 1 of section 461-l of the social
3 services law regarding retention standards in assisted living programs.
4 Camphill Ghent shall also be exempt from subdivision 15 of section 4651
5 and section 4654 of the public health law regarding enhanced assisted
6 living certification. The exemption from subdivision 6 of section 461-c
7 of the social services law and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of
8 subdivision 1 of section 461-l of the social services law shall apply
9 only to the extent that Camphill Ghent meets the requirements of section
10 three of this act.
11 S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.