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Introduced by M. of A. GOTTFRIED -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law and the public health law, in relation to establishing a streamlined application process for adult care facility and assisted living residence operators in good standing

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 461-b of the social services law,
2 as added by chapter 601 of the laws of 1981, paragraph (c) as added by
3 chapter 848 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:
4 2. (a) No adult care facility shall be operated unless and until the
5 operator obtains the written approval of the department. Such approval
6 may be granted only to an operator who satisfactorily demonstrates: that
7 the operator is of good moral character; that the operator is financial-
8 ly responsible; that there is a public need for the facility; that the
9 buildings, equipment, staff, standards of care and records to be
10 employed in the operation comply with applicable law and regulations of
11 the department and that any license or permit required by law for the
12 operation of such facility has been issued to such operation. In deter-
13 mining whether there is a public need for the facility, the department
14 shall give consideration to the relative concentration of such facili-
15 ties in the area proposed to be serviced. Such approval for family type
16 home for adults shall not be granted unless the appropriate social
17 services official has made the required visitation and inspection and
18 has submitted a report thereof to the department in accordance with this
19 article.
20 (b) FOR EXISTING LICENSED OPERATORS IN GOOD STANDING, THE DEPARTMENT
21 SHALL DEVELOP A STREAMLINED APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS, IN
22 COLLABORATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ASSOCIATIONS OF OPERATORS, TO BE

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

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2 RELATION TO APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL FACILITY OF THE SAME TYPE.
3 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, THE
4 STREAMLINED APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT
5 NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

6 (I) A CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND FORM FOR THE OPERATOR TO VERIFY THAT
7 IT WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL RESOURCES, REVENUE AND FINANCING TO
8 MEET FACILITY EXPENSES AND RESIDENT NEEDS, WHICH SHALL SATISFY THE STAT-
9 UTORY AND REGULATORY FINANCIAL COMPONENT OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW AND
10 APPROVAL PROCESS;

11 (II) A CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND FORM FOR THE OPERATOR TO VERIFY THAT
12 ITS LEGAL, CORPORATE AND ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS COMPLY IN SUBSTANCE
13 WITH DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS, WHICH SHALL SATISFY THE STATUTORY AND
14 REGULATORY LEGAL COMPONENT OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROC-
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16 (III) A CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND FORM FOR THE OPERATOR TO VERIFY THAT
17 IT IS IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE CODES, RULES AND
18 REGULATIONS IN ANY OTHER STATE IN WHICH IT OPERATES, AND TO DISCLOSE ANY
19 ENFORCEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST IT IN ANY OTHER
20 STATE;

21 (IV) ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE
22 THE FACILITY FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION
23 OF THE CHARACTER AND COMPETENCE, LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL
24 COMPONENTS OF THE APPLICATION, SO LONG AS THE OPERATOR AGREES IN WRITING
25 TO SATISFY ALL PENDING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE CONDI-
26 TIONAL APPROVAL PERIOD OR A TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT;

27 (V) ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF A CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT
28 A FACILITY, AT THE OPERATOR'S OWN RISK, UPON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF
29 THE ARCHITECTURAL COMPONENT OF THE APPLICATION;

30 (VI) ELIMINATION OF DUPLICATIVE SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF ANY APPLICA-
31 TION INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE
32 DEPARTMENT OR ANY OF ITS REGIONAL OFFICES WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS
33 THROUGH A CERTIFICATION PROCESS AND FORM WHEREBY THE OPERATOR WILL VERI-
34 FY THAT SUCH APPLICATION INFORMATION IS DUPLICATIVE;

35 (VII) WITH RESPECT TO ANY PROGRAMMATIC APPLICATION INFORMATION TO BE
36 REVIEWED BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE, SUCH REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED ON-SITE
37 BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE DURING THE PRE-OPENING INSPECTION OR FIRST FULL
38 ANNUAL INSPECTION, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE OPERA-
39 TOR TO OPERATE THE SAME TYPE OF PROGRAM AT ANOTHER FACILITY WITHIN THE
40 PAST TWO YEARS;

41 (VIII) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS; AND

42 (IX) A COMBINED APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS AN ADULT CARE FACILITY,
43 ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE AND/OR ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM, TO THE EXTENT
44 THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES SUCH A COMBINED APPLICATION IS FEASIBLE.

45 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "GOOD STANDING" SHALL MEAN THE OPERA-
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47 OF A PROPOSED REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, DENIAL OR LIMITATION ON THE OPER-
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49 THREE YEARS, BEEN ASSESSED A CIVIL PENALTY AFTER A HEARING CONDUCTED
50 PURSUANT TO SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF
51 SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS ARTICLE FOR A VIOLATION THAT HAS
52 NOT BEEN RECTIFIED; (C) WITHIN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL
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54 PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPH TWO OF PARAGRAPH (B)
55 OF SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS ARTICLE;
56 (D) WITHIN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS, BEEN ISSUED AN ORDER PURSUANT TO

1 SUBDIVISION TWO, FIVE, SIX OR EIGHT OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF
2 THIS ARTICLE; (E) WITHIN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS, BEEN PLACED ON, AND
3 IF PLACED ON, REMOVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S "DO NOT REFER LIST" PURSUANT
4 TO SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-D OF THIS ARTICLE.
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8 IF IT DETERMINES THAT THE DISQUALIFYING VIOLATION WAS AN ISOLATED OCCUR-
9 RENCE THAT WAS PROMPTLY CORRECTED BY THE OPERATOR;

10 (C) After an operator obtains approval of the department for the oper-
11 ation of an adult care facility he may operate such facility only so
12 long as he continues to do so in compliance with the requirements of
13 such approval, applicable law, and the regulations of the department.

14 [(c)] (D) The knowing operation of an adult care facility without the
15 prior written approval of the department shall be a class A misdemeanor.

16 S 2. Section 4653 of the public health law, as added by chapter 2 of
17 the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

18 S 4653. Licensure procedures and requirements for assisted living. 1.
19 In order to operate as assisted living, an operator shall be licensed as
20 an adult home or enriched housing program and apply and be approved for
21 licensure with the commissioner pursuant to this article. The operator
22 shall provide, on an application form developed by the commissioner, the
23 following information to the commissioner in order to be licensed:

24 [1.] (A) business name, street address, and mailing address of the
25 residence and of the owners of the residence;

26 [2.] (B) status of current operating certificate;

27 [3.] (C) verification that the operator has a valid residency agree-
28 ment in compliance with this article to be entered into with each resi-
29 dent, resident's representative and resident's legal representative, if
30 any, and shall include a copy of the information to be included in the
31 residency agreement and disclosures as required pursuant to the
32 provisions of section four thousand six hundred fifty-eight of this
33 article, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER TWO OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FOUR, that
34 will be given to prospective residents; and

35 [4.] (D) any other information the department may deem necessary for
36 the evaluation of the application provided such information is not
37 duplicative of what is otherwise required of the applicant in obtaining
38 an adult care facility license.

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52 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the depart-
53 ment of health is authorized and directed to promulgate, amend and/or
54 repeal, on an emergency basis, any rules and regulations necessary to
55 implement the provisions of this act.