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AN ACT relating to establishing the aging in place task force, and providing for its powers and duties

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

1     Section 1. Aging in place task force. There is hereby established  
2     within the office for the aging an aging in place task force. The  
3     purpose of the task force shall be to study how the state can encourage  
4     aging in place including, but not limited to, an examination of:  
5        (a) infrastructure and transportation improvements;  
6        (b) zoning changes to facilitate home care;  
7        (c) enhanced nutrition programs and delivery options;  
8        (d) improved fraud and abuse protections;  
9        (e) expansion of home medical care options;  
10       (f) tax incentives; and  
11       (g) incentives for private insurance.  
12     S 2. The aging in place task force shall consist of a total of sixteen  
13     members and shall include: the commissioner of the state office of  
14     temporary and disability assistance or his or her designee; the director  
15     of the office for the aging or his or her designee; the chairperson and  
16     ranking member of the standing senate and assembly committees of aging  
17     or his or her designee; two people appointed by the governor; two people  
18     appointed by the temporary president of the senate; one person appointed  
19     by the majority leader of the senate; one person appointed by the minority  
20     leader of the senate; two people appointed by the speaker of the  
21     assembly; one person appointed by the majority leader of the assembly;  
22     and one person appointed by the minority leader of the assembly. The  
23     chairperson and ranking members of the standing senate and assembly  
24     committees of aging and the appointees of the temporary president of the  
25     senate, majority leader of the senate, minority leader of the senate,  
26     speaker of the assembly, majority leader of the assembly and minority  
27     leader of the assembly may be members of the legislature. All appointments  
28     to the aging in place task force shall be made no later than thir-

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

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1 ty days after the effective date of this act. Any vacancy shall be  
2 filled by the appointing authority.

3 S 3. There shall be two chairpersons selected from among the members  
4 of the aging in place task force. One chairperson shall be selected by  
5 the temporary president of the senate and one chairperson shall be  
6 selected by the speaker of the assembly. Such chairperson shall schedule  
7 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later than  
8 sixty days after the effective date of this act.

9 S 4. The members of the aging in place task force shall serve without  
10 compensation, except that members shall be allowed their necessary and  
11 actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this  
12 act.

13 S 5. The office for the aging shall provide the aging in place task  
14 force with such facilities, assistance, and data as will enable such  
15 task force to carry out its powers and duties. Additionally, all other  
16 departments or agencies of the state or subdivisions thereof shall, at  
17 the request of the chairpersons, provide such task force with such  
18 facilities, assistance, and data as will enable such task force to carry  
19 out its powers and duties.

20 S 6. The aging in place task force shall issue a report of its find-  
21 ings and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the  
22 senate and the speaker of the assembly no later than January 1, 2016.

23 S 7. The aging in place task force shall terminate on the date that it  
24 submits the report required in section six of this act or December 31,  
25 2015, whichever is later.

26 S 8. This act shall take effect immediately.