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Introduced by M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a locator technology advisory council

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. LOCATOR TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED IN THE OFFICE A LOCATOR TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO ADVISE THE OFFICE ON LOCATOR TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING GLOBAL POSITIONING TECHNOLOGY, FOR USE BY PERSONS AFFLICTED BY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, DEMENTIA AND/OR OTHER AFFLICTIONS, OR BY THEIR FAMILIES OR CARETAKERS, WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE APPROPRIATE USE OF SUCH TECHNOLOGIES. SUCH COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHT PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WHOM FOUR SHALL BE MEMBERS OF ADVOCACY GROUPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR DEMENTIA OR FOR SENIORS IN THIS STATE, AND FOUR SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF LOCATOR SYSTEMS AND/OR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY TRAVELING AND OTHER EXPENSES INCURRED BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

2. THE COUNCIL SHALL, AFTER INVESTIGATION AND UPON MAJORITY VOTE, FORWARD TO THE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON LOCATOR TECHNOLOGY MODELS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BY INDIVIDUALS THAT IN THE ESTIMATION OF THE COUNCIL WOULD BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AFFLICTED BY ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, DEMENTIA AND/OR OTHER AFFLICTIONS. IF THE DIRECTOR SHALL AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS, HE OR SHE MAY PROMULGATE SUCH LIST AS A REGULATION OF THE OFFICE. SUCH LIST SHALL BE UPDATED AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER FIRST.

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

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S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, that the members of the locator technology advisory council established pursuant to section one of this act shall be appointed within 90 days of the effective date of this act.