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Introduced by M. of A. DINOWITZ, MILLER, COLTON, OTIS -- Multi-Sponsored  
by -- M. of A. HOOPER, LOPEZ, PERRY, SEPULVEDA -- read once and  
referred to the Committee on Aging -- recommitted to the Committee on  
Aging in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee  
discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted  
to said committee

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to creating and distributing  
a drug guide for senior consumers

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

1     Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 224. SENIOR DRUG GUIDE. THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE  
4     BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
5     SHALL, WITHIN AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, PREPARE  
6     AND PUBLISH A GUIDE EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE, FUNCTION, AND COMMON DRUG  
7     INTERACTIONS OF DRUGS COMMONLY USED BY PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF  
8     SIXTY-TWO. THE GUIDE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE EFFECTS OF COMBINING SUCH  
9     MEDICATIONS WITH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. PROMINENTLY WRITTEN IN AT LEAST  
10    FOURTEEN POINT TYPE ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE GUIDE SHALL BE THE FOLLOW-  
11    ING CAUTION: "DO NOT BEGIN TAKING, STOP TAKING, OR ALTER YOUR DOSAGE OF  
12    ANY MEDICATIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTHCARE PRAC-  
13    TITIONER." THE DIRECTOR SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY  
14    AND APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SUCH GUIDE AVAILABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE AND WITH-  
15    OUT CHARGE THROUGH DESIGNATED AGENCIES, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN  
16    SECTION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THIS TITLE, AND IN THE SIX MOST COMMON  
17    LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. REQUESTS FOR MORE THAN TEN COPIES SHALL BE  
18    SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE CHARGE TO COVER THE COST OF REPRODUCTION AND  
19    HANDLING. THIS GUIDE SHALL BE UPDATED AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ACCURACY AND  
20    RELEVANCY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.  
21    S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
22    succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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