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Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a dementia
and Alzheimer's disease program database

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. DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRAM DATABASE. 1. DEFINI-
4 NITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERMS:
5 (A) "ELDERLY PERSONS" SHALL MEAN INDIVIDUALS AGED SIXTY YEARS OF AGE
6 OR OLDER.
7 (B) "PROGRAMS" SHALL MEAN PROGRAMS, METHODOLOGIES, OR SERVICES THAT
8 ARE PROVIDED BY A PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PROFIT, OR FOR-PROFIT AGENCY
9 TO ELDERLY PERSONS IN THEIR HOME OR IN A COMMUNITY SETTING.
10 2. THE OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL
11 DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE
12 SUCCESSFUL IN SUPPORTING AND TREATING ELDERLY PERSONS SUFFERING FROM
13 DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.
14 (A) THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH,
15 SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA TO DETERMINE IF A PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSIDERED
16 SUCCESSFUL AND BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.
17 (B) THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, MAY
18 CONSULT WITH PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PROFIT, AND FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES
19 TO DETERMINE WHICH PROGRAMS ARE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL.
20 3. THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAIL-
21 ABLE ON THE OFFICE'S WEBSITE. THE INFORMATION FROM THE DATABASE THAT
22 SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:
23 (A) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON OR ENTITY THROUGH WHOM THE
24 PROGRAM IS PROVIDED;
25 (B) THE NAME OF THE PROGRAM, WHERE APPLICABLE;

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

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1 (C) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM; AND

2 (D) THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDED OR OFFERED.

3 4. THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE UPDATED BY
4 THE OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AT LEAST ONCE
5 ANNUALLY.

6 S 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
7 law; provided, however, that the addition, amendment and/or repeal of
8 any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on
9 its effective date is authorized and directed to be made and completed
10 on or before such effective date.