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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the authority of the office for the aging to conduct a public education campaign relating to elder abuse

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 14 and subdivision 15 of  
2     section 202 of the elder law, paragraph (b) of subdivision 14 as amended  
3     and subdivision 15 as added by chapter 263 of the laws of 2011, are  
4     amended and a new subdivision 16 is added to read as follows:  
5     (b) make recommendations, in consultation with the division of housing  
6     and community renewal, to the governor and legislature for assisting  
7     mixed-use age-integrated housing development or redevelopment demon-  
8     stration projects in urban, suburban and rural areas of the state. The  
9     director of the office for the aging and secretary of state shall estab-  
10    lish an advisory committee for purposes of this subdivision. Such  
11    committee shall include, but not be limited to, top representatives of  
12    local government, senior citizen organizations, developers, senior  
13    service providers and planners; [and]  
14    15. to periodically, in consultation with the state director of  
15    [veteran's] VETERANS' affairs, review the programs operated by the  
16    office to ensure that the needs of the state's aging veteran population  
17    are being met and to develop improvements to programs to meet such  
18    needs[.]; AND  
19    16. TO THE EXTENT APPROPRIATIONS ARE AVAILABLE, AND IN CONSULTATION  
20    WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, CONDUCT A PUBLIC EDUCA-  
21    TION CAMPAIGN THAT EMPHASIZES ZERO-TOLERANCE FOR ELDER ABUSE. SUCH  
22    CAMPAIGN SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ELDER  
23    ABUSE, WHERE SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE CAN BE REPORTED, CONTACT INFORMATION  
24    FOR PROGRAMS OFFERING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE SUCH AS COUN-

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

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1 SELING, ASSISTANCE WITH ARRANGING PERSONAL CARE AND SHELTER, AND  
2 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH  
3 UNDERLYING ISSUES THAT MAY LEAD TO ELDER ABUSE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMIT-  
4 ED TO: SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.  
5 SUCH CAMPAIGN SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: PRINTED EDUCATIONAL  
6 AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS; AUDIO, VIDEO, ELECTRONIC, OTHER MEDIA; AND  
7 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR ADVERTISEMENTS.

8 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.