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IN SENATE

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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing elder abuse prevention training

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

Section 1. Section 214-c of the executive law, as added by chapter 184 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

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3 S 214-c. Elder abuse awareness AND PREVENTION TRAINING. 1. The super-4 intendent, in cooperation with the state office for the aging and the 5 office of children and family services, shall, for all members of the 6 division of state police:

7 [(1)] A. develop, maintain and disseminate educational material relat-8 ing to abuse of adults, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, 9 emotional abuse, active neglect, passive neglect, self neglect, and 10 financial exploitation, as such terms are defined in section four 11 hundred seventy-three of the social services law, and

12 [(2)] B. establish and implement written procedures and policies in 13 the event a member of the division of state police encounters such 14 abuse, including the provision of information and referral.

15 2. A. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROGRAM TO TRAIN SENIOR 16 SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE DETECTION AND REPORTING OF ELDER ABUSE. SUCH 17 PROGRAM SHALL ALSO INCLUDE TRAINING ON THE COUNSELING OF ELDER ABUSE 18 VICTIMS.

19 B. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REQUIRE THAT EMPLOYEES OF SENIOR CENTERS 20 EMPLOYEES OF ENTITIES THAT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OFFICE FOR THE AND 21 AGING AND THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, BE TRAINED IN ELDER ABUSE DETECTION, REPORTING 22 AND COUNSELING, AND RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL REFRESHER TRAINING REGARDING THE 23 SAME AT LEAST ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS, IF SUCH EMPLOYEE HAS 24 OR IS 25 EXPECTED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND DIRECT PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT WITH 26 SENIOR CITIZENS.

27 C. THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL REQUIRE SENIOR CENTERS TO HOLD AT LEAST 28 TWO EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS PER YEAR DURING WHICH GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE

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

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SENIOR CENTER WILL RECEIVE COUNSELING REGARDING ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION
 AND AWARENESS AND BE INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO DETECT AND REPORT INSTANCES OF
 ELDER ABUSE.

4 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after 5 it shall have become a law.