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Introduced by M. of A. CYMBROWITZ, BARRON, LINARES, ARROYO, BLAKE, BRINDISI, CAHILL, CLARK, COLTON, COOK, GALEF, KAMINSKY, McDONALD, MOSLEY, SILVER, SEAWRIGHT, SIMON, SKOUFIS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. SCHIMMINGER -- read once and referred 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

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

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1 ABUSE, WHERE SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE CAN BE REPORTED, CONTACT INFORMATION
2 FOR PROGRAMS OFFERING SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF ELDER ABUSE SUCH AS COUN-
3 SELING, ASSISTANCE WITH ARRANGING PERSONAL CARE AND SHELTER, AND
4 SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH
5 UNDERLYING ISSUES THAT MAY LEAD TO ELDER ABUSE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMIT-
6 ED TO: SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
7 SUCH CAMPAIGN SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO: PRINTED EDUCATIONAL
8 AND INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS; AUDIO, VIDEO, ELECTRONIC, OTHER MEDIA; AND
9 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR ADVERTISEMENTS.
10 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.