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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to read as follows:

S 224. DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PROGRAM DATABASE. 1. DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERMS:

(A) "ELDERLY PERSONS" SHALL MEAN INDIVIDUALS AGED SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

(B) "PROGRAMS" SHALL MEAN PROGRAMS, METHODOLOGIES, OR SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY A PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PROFIT, OR FOR-PROFIT AGENCY TO ELDERLY PERSONS IN THEIR HOME OR IN A COMMUNITY SETTING.

2. THE OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A DATABASE OF PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SUPPORTING AND TREATING ELDERLY PERSONS SUFFERING FROM DEMENTIA OR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

(A) THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, SHALL DEVELOP CRITERIA TO DETERMINE IF A PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL AND BE INCLUDED IN THE DATABASE.

(B) THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, MAY CONSULT WITH PUBLIC, GOVERNMENTAL, NON-PROFIT, AND FOR-PROFIT AGENCIES TO DETERMINE WHICH PROGRAMS ARE CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL.

3. THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE OFFICE'S WEBSITE. THE INFORMATION FROM THE DATABASE THAT SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

(A) CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE PERSON OR ENTITY THROUGH WHOM THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDED;

(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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(C) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM; AND
(D) THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN WHICH THE PROGRAM IS PROVIDED OR OFFERED.
4. THE DATABASE CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE UPDATED BY THE OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AT LEAST ONCE ANNUALLY.

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