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AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to creating and distributing a drug guide for senior consumers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, 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. SENIOR DRUG GUIDE. THE DIRECTOR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE
4 BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
5 SHALL, WITHIN AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, PREPARE
6 AND PUBLISH A GUIDE EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE, FUNCTION, AND COMMON DRUG
7 INTERACTIONS OF DRUGS COMMONLY USED BY PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF
8 SIXTY-TWO. THE GUIDE SHALL ALSO INCLUDE THE EFFECTS OF COMBINING SUCH
9 MEDICATIONS WITH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. PROMINENTLY WRITTEN IN AT LEAST
10 FOURTEEN POINT TYPE ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE GUIDE SHALL BE THE FOLLOW-
11 ING CAUTION: "DO NOT BEGIN TAKING, STOP TAKING, OR ALTER YOUR DOSAGE OF
12 ANY MEDICATIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING YOUR DOCTOR OR OTHER HEALTHCARE PRAC-
13 TITIONER." THE DIRECTOR SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS SHALL BE NECESSARY
14 AND APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SUCH GUIDE AVAILABLE ON THEIR WEBSITE AND WITH-
15 OUT CHARGE THROUGH DESIGNATED AGENCIES, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN
16 SECTION TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THIS TITLE, AND IN THE SIX MOST COMMON
17 LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. REQUESTS FOR MORE THAN TEN COPIES SHALL BE
18 SUBJECT TO A REASONABLE CHARGE TO COVER THE COST OF REPRODUCTION AND
19 HANDLING. THIS GUIDE SHALL BE UPDATED AS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN ACCURACY AND
20 RELEVANCY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN.
21 S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next
22 succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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