

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to an economically sustainable transportation demonstration program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 6 of section 223 of the elder law, as  
2 added by section 3 of part J of chapter 57 of the laws of 2006, are  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. The director shall establish the economically sustainable transpor-  
5 tation demonstration program for the purpose of enabling seniors to  
6 remain independent and mobile in their community. The program would  
7 provide an on demand transit service for seniors [~~that would use~~ estab-  
8 lishing, at a minimum, operational hours during normal business hours  
9 using automobiles driven by volunteer and paid drivers to transport  
10 seniors to where they need and want to go. [~~After a period of five~~  
11 ~~years, the program would no longer be eligible for state funding and~~  
12 ~~would be completely self-sustaining, relying on consumer fares and~~  
13 ~~voluntary community support to remain operational.~~]

14 6. [~~Within amounts appropriated, the~~] The director shall establish a  
15 pilot program within amounts appropriated therefor, in up to five coun-  
16 ties, each with not more than three hundred thousand persons as of the  
17 two thousand ten United States census, or a collaborative project of two  
18 contiguous counties that each do not have more than three hundred thou-  
19 sand persons as of the two thousand ten United States census. The direc-  
20 tor shall make grants available to qualified economically sustainable  
21 transportation providers of no less than fifty-five thousand dollars per  
22 grantee [~~in the first year of the operation of the program~~]. Each  
23 provider shall be required to submit a report to the director within one

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

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1 year of the implementation of such pilot program which shall include,  
2 but not be limited to, documentation of participation rates, any imped-  
3 iments to implementation encountered, steps taken to ensure sustainabil-  
4 ity of the program and proposals for expansion to other service areas.

5 Such providers shall be eligible to receive funding under this section  
6 annually for up to five years. After such time, providers must be able  
7 to provide economically sustainable transportation services without  
8 receiving further public financial assistance for operating or capital  
9 expenses.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.