STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 16, 2017

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Children and Families

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:

§ 214-c. Elder abuse awareness **and prevention training**. **1.** The superintendent, in cooperation with the state office for the aging and the office of children and family services, shall, for all members of the division of state police:

[~~(1)~~] **a.** develop, maintain and disseminate educational material relating to abuse of adults, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, active neglect, passive neglect, self neglect, and financial exploitation, as such terms are defined in section four hundred seventy-three of the social services law, and

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

2. a. The superintendent shall develop a program to train senior service providers in the detection and reporting of elder abuse. Such program shall also include training on the counseling of elder abuse victims.

b. The superintendent shall require that employees of senior centers and employees of entities that contract with the state office for the aging and the office of children and family services to provide services to senior citizens, be trained in elder abuse detection, reporting and counseling, and receive supplemental refresher training regarding the same at least once every three years, if such employee has or is

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

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expected to have significant and direct person to person contact with senior citizens.

c. The superintendent shall require senior centers to hold at least two educational sessions per year during which guests and members of the senior center will receive counseling regarding elder abuse prevention and awareness and be instructed on how to detect and report instances of elder abuse.

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