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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the creation of a reference list of businesses that provide locator technology designed to assist in the expedited location of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who become lost or disoriented, and requiring physicians to disclose the existence of such technology to persons afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and to maintain information regarding any technology utilized by such afflicted people

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding two new sections  
2 2010 and 2011 to read as follows:

3 § 2010. Alzheimer's and dementia locator technology information. 1.  
4 The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, the  
5 department of social services and the state police, shall develop and  
6 maintain a comprehensive list of businesses and other entities that  
7 manufacture, distribute or otherwise offer locator technology or  
8 services designed to assist in the expedited location of individuals  
9 afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who become lost or dis-  
10 oriented. The department shall notify all physicians licensed to practice  
11 in this state of the existence of the list and shall make the list  
12 available to the general public through the department's website. The  
13 list shall be updated by the department on at least a semi-annual basis,  
14 and may be maintained on or connected to the websites of other state  
15 offices, including those maintained by the office for the aging, the  
16 department of social services, the state police and the department of  
17 mental health.

18 2. As used in this section "locator technology" means any product,  
19 program or system used to assist in the location and identification of  
20 lost or disoriented persons, and includes but is not limited to, radio

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

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1 wrist transmitter tracking systems, software programs, data bases, and  
2 products containing identifying information, including necklaces or  
3 bracelets.

4 3. The commissioner shall promulgate such rules and regulations as he  
5 or she deems necessary to give effect to the provisions of this section.

6 § 2011. Physicians and facilities; duty to advise of locator technolo-  
7 gy information. 1. Effective January first, two thousand eighteen, every  
8 physician diagnosing or treating a person with Alzheimer's disease or  
9 other dementia, and every facility caring for such person shall advise  
10 each afflicted person and such person's family and caregivers of the  
11 availability of technology designed to assist in the expedited location  
12 of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who become  
13 lost or disoriented, and of the locator technology list maintained by  
14 the department pursuant to section two thousand ten of this article.

15 2. Each physician diagnosing or treating a person with Alzheimer's  
16 disease, dementia or traumatic brain injury shall maintain in the  
17 afflicted person's medical records information pertaining to any locator  
18 technology utilized by such person, including the nature and type of the  
19 technology, the approximate date the technology was acquired, the  
20 manufacturer's name and contact information, and the serial number, if  
21 any, of such product. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
22 contrary, all such information shall be immediately disclosed by the  
23 physician to the state police upon request by the state police in the  
24 event the afflicted person is reported to the police as being lost or  
25 missing; such disclosure shall not constitute a violation of any federal  
26 or state statutes regarding the confidentiality of patient medical  
27 information.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
29 ing the date on which it shall have become a law, provided that the  
30 department of health is immediately authorized and directed to take such  
31 actions as are necessary to implement this act, including the promulga-  
32 tion of rules in accordance with the state administrative procedure act,  
33 on or before its effective date.