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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- recommitted to the Committee on Health in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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

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

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2010 to read as follows:

§ 2010. Alzheimer's and dementia locator technology information. 1. The department, in conjunction with the office for the aging, the department of social services and the state police, shall develop a list of businesses and other entities that manufacture, distribute or otherwise offer locator technology or services designed to assist in the expedited location of individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who become lost or disoriented. Such businesses and other entities may register with the department to be included on such list. The department shall notify all physicians licensed to practice in this state of the existence of the list and shall make the list available to the general public through the department's website. The list shall be updated by the department as needed, and may be maintained on or connected to the websites of other state offices, including those maintained by the office for the aging, the department of social services, the state police, and the department of mental health.

2. As used in this section "locator technology" means any product, program or system used to assist in the location and identification of 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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wrist transmitter tracking systems, software programs, data bases, and products containing identifying information, including necklaces or bracelets.

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law, provided that the department of health is immediately authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary to implement this act, including the promulgation of rules in accordance with the state administrative procedure act, on or before its effective date.