

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing guidelines for the development of community-based programs

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

1 Section 1. Article 2 of the elder law is amended by adding a new title
2 5 to read as follows:

TITLE 5

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

5 Section 301. Guidelines for development of community-based programs.

6 § 301. Guidelines for development of community-based programs. In
7 order to encourage the development of activities and programs that
8 support older adults within communities, the office shall develop mate-
9 rials and guidelines for the development of community-based programs.
10 Such guidelines and materials shall be designed to assist local area
11 agencies on aging, non-profit entities, and community-based organiza-
12 tions that wish to establish programs for seniors in their local commu-
13 nities. In choosing what types of programs for which to develop guide-
14 lines and materials, the office shall focus on programs that have been
15 successful in supporting older adults in the community and those that
16 provide innovative approaches to existing challenges. Areas of concern,
17 for which encouraging the spread of locally-based programs would be most
18 beneficial, shall include, but not be limited to: (a) supporting the
19 ability of older adults to stay in their homes, both through services
20 and assistance with chores and maintenance; (b) general safety and
21 prevention of abuse and exploitation; (c) socialization, both with peers
22 and with individuals of all ages; (d) opportunities for involvement in
23 the local community, including volunteerism; and (e) encouraging older
24 adults who wish to continue their career or embark on a new career path.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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