STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 8, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. BRONSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the state office for the aging sexual discrimination training program; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 15 and 16 of section 202 of the elder law, subdivision 15 as amended by section 31-b of part AA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2019, and subdivision 16 as added by chapter 455 of the laws of 2016, are amended and a new subdivision 17 is added to read as follows:

15. to periodically, in consultation with the state director of veterans' services, review the programs operated by the office to ensure that the needs of the state's aging veteran population are being met and to develop improvements to programs to meet such needs; [~~and~~]

16. to the extent appropriations are available, and in consultation with the office of children and family services, conduct a public education campaign that emphasizes zero-tolerance for elder abuse. Such campaign shall include information about the signs and symptoms of elder abuse, identification of potential causes of elder abuse, resources available to assist in the prevention of elder abuse, where suspected elder abuse can be reported, contact information for programs offering services to victims of elder abuse such as counseling, and assistance with arranging personal care and shelter. Such campaign may include, but not be limited to: printed educational and informational materials; audio, video, electronic, other media; and public service announcements or advertisements[~~.~~]**; and**

17. subject to an appropriation, make available to designated agencies as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of this title, a training program for the purpose of raising awareness, removing barriers and improving services for older adults based on their sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as

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

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defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law. Such training program may include:

(i) an overview of the history, unique needs, and concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adults;

(ii) reasons why lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adults may choose not to self-identify; and

(iii) tools that may be used to incorporate lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, gender non-conforming and gender non-binary older adult concerns into direct care and steps that may be taken to improve the quality of services and support provided.

§ 2. Subdivisions 13 and 14 of section 203 of the elder law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the elder law relating to the state office for the aging sexual discrimination training program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5958 and A. 7593, are REPEALED.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2019, amending the elder law relating to the state office for the aging sexual discrimination training program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5958 and A. 7593, takes effect.