STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 14, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- 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 a pilot program for the recruitment and training of retired persons to become home care workers

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

Section 1. Section 3622 of the public health law, as renumbered by section 22 of part C of chapter 58 of the laws of 2004, is renumbered section 3623 and a new section 3622 is added to read as follows:

§ 3622. Pilot program for the recruitment and training of certain home care workers. 1. Subject to appropriation, the commissioner shall establish a pilot program in up to four counties to provide for the recruitment and training of retired persons to become home care workers. The pilot program shall work with not-for-profit organizations, and licensed and certified home care agencies to develop a public awareness campaign for distribution and advertisement of the pilot program to be targeted to retired persons. The commissioner shall designate up to four counties for the pilot program and shall issue rules and regulations to coordinate training and recruitment with local home care agencies. Such training shall include, but not be limited to, specialized training focusing on safety in physical aspects of employment, applicability of chronic disease prevention and management for patients and employees, and mental health concerns for both the patient and employees.

2. The commissioner, in conjunction with participating home care agencies, shall create a report that provides information, including but not limited to, tracking the job performance and satisfaction of retired persons employed as home care workers, improved health and financial outcomes for the retired workers participating in the pilot program, as well as satisfaction and improved health care outcomes of patients

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

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assigned to retired workers. The report shall be submitted to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly no later than October first, two thousand twenty-one. The commissioner shall also coordinate with the participating home care agencies to develop best practices for distribution across the state related to the training and recruitment of retired persons as home care workers.

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