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IN SENATE

May 16, 2019

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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 225 to read as follows:

§ 225. Elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and within amounts appropriated, the director shall establish a two-year, short-term aftercare demonstration program to be implemented by an existing center for elder justice, which provides shelter and other services for at risk older adults under the auspices of a facility established pursuant to article twenty-eight of the public health law, and located in Bronx county, New York city.

2. The scope of short-term aftercare services may be determined by the commissioner of health but shall at a minimum include case management services, financial counseling, and mental health services. Provision of services shall commence at the conclusion of the discharge process from the facility.

3. The center as defined pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall provide aftercare services as described in subdivision two of this section, and evaluate the effectiveness of the aftercare demonstration program in terms of preventing re-victimization, avoiding readmissions to the shelter, avoiding hospitalizations, and maintaining residence in a community setting. Such report may also discuss the potential of utilizing the program statewide and collaborations that may enhance the program, and the efficacy of establishing a permanent aftercare program statewide. The center shall submit a report on findings to the director,

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

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the governor and the legislature no later than one hundred eighty days after the conclusion of the two-year demonstration program.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after such date.