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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CYMBROWITZ, WALLACE, BARRON, COLTON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to establishing a dementia and Alzheimer's disease program database

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:
- 3 § 225. Dementia and Alzheimer's disease program database. 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the terms:
- (a) "Elderly persons" shall mean individuals aged sixty years of age 6 or older.
- 7 (b) "Programs" shall mean programs, methodologies, or services that 8 are provided by a public, governmental, non-profit, or for-profit agency 9 to elderly persons in their home or in a community setting.
- 10 2. The office, in conjunction with the department of health, shall 11 develop and maintain a database of programs that have been shown to be successful in supporting and treating elderly persons suffering from 12 13 dementia or Alzheimer's disease.
- (a) The director, in conjunction with the commissioner of health, 15 shall develop criteria to determine if a program shall be considered successful and be included in the database.
- 17 (b) The director, in conjunction with the commissioner of health, may consult with public, governmental, non-profit, and for-profit agencies 18 19 to determine which programs are considered successful.
- 20 3. The database created pursuant to this section shall be made avail-21 able on the office's website. The information from the database that 22 <u>shall be accessible to the public shall include but not be limited to:</u>
- (a) contact information for the person or entity through whom the 23 24 program is provided;
 - (b) the name of the program, where applicable;

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

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- (c) a brief description of the program; and
 - (d) the geographic area in which the program is provided or offered.
- 4. The database created pursuant to this section shall be updated by the office, in conjunction with the department of health, at least once annually.
- § 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.