

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to providing elder abuse prevention training

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

1 Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 219-a to
2 read as follows:

3 219-a. Elder abuse awareness and prevention training. 1. The director
4 shall, in cooperation with the office of children and family services
5 and the division of state police:

6 (a) develop, maintain and disseminate educational material relating to
7 abuse of adults, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional
8 abuse, active neglect, passive neglect, self neglect, and financial
9 exploitation, as such terms are defined in section four hundred seven-
10 ty-three of the social services law, and

11 (b) establish and implement written procedures and policies in the
12 event a member of the division of state police encounters such abuse,
13 including the provision of information and referral.

14 2. (a) The director shall develop a program to train senior service
15 providers in the detection and reporting of elder abuse. Such program
16 shall also include training on the counseling of elder abuse victims.

17 (b) The director shall require that employees of senior centers and
18 employees of entities that contract with the office and the office of
19 children and family services to provide services to senior citizens, be
20 trained in elder abuse detection, reporting and counseling, and receive
21 supplemental refresher training regarding the same at least once every
22 three years, if such employee has or is expected to have significant and
23 direct person to person contact with senior citizens.

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

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1 (c) The director shall require senior centers to hold at least two
2 educational sessions per year during which guests and members of the
3 senior center will receive counseling regarding elder abuse prevention
4 and awareness and be instructed on how to detect and report instances of
5 elder abuse.

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