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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 -- 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,

11 (b) establish and implement written procedures and policies for senior  
12 centers and contractors in the event employees of senior centers and  
13 employees of entities that contract with the office and the office of  
14 children and family services encounters such abuse, including the  
15 provision of information and referral, and

16 (c) nothing in this section shall prevent the office from utilizing  
17 materials in section two hundred nineteen of this title.

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

21 (b) The director shall require that employees of senior centers and  
22 employees of entities that contract with the office and the office of

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

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1 children and family services to provide services to senior citizens, be  
2 trained in elder abuse detection, reporting and counseling, and receive  
3 supplemental refresher training regarding the same at least once every  
4 three years, if such employee has or is expected to have significant and  
5 direct person to person contact with senior citizens.

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

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