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Introduced by M. of A. ANDERSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the office of victim services to provide notification of potential eligibility for awards following the death of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 625-c to read as follows:

§ 625-c. Notification following the death of a victim of a crime who died as a direct result of such crime. 1. The office shall provide notification of potential eligibility for awards pursuant to this article and a statewide listing of victim assistance programs that provide crisis intervention, advocacy, counseling, and other victim support services, within forty-eight hours of receiving notice pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

2. Every police agency or other law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a crime where a victim of the crime died as a direct result of such crime, shall immediately notify the office regarding such victim. Such notice shall include contact information for persons who may be eligible for an award pursuant to this article due to the death of such victim, including but not limited to:

(a) a surviving spouse, domestic partner, grandparent, parent, stepparent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, child, stepchild or grandchild of such victim;

(b) any other person dependent for his or her principal support upon such victim; and

(c) any person or business represented by a person who has paid for or incurred the burial expenses of such victim.

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

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

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