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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 creating and distributing a drug guide for senior consumers

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 226 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 226. Senior drug guide. The director, in conjunction with the state  
4 board of pharmacy, and after consultation with the department of health,  
5 shall, within amounts made available by appropriation therefor, prepare  
6 and publish a guide explaining the purpose, function, and common drug  
7 interactions of drugs commonly used by persons over the age of sixty-  
8 two. The guide shall also include the effects of combining such medica-  
9 tions with alcohol consumption. Prominently written in at least four-  
10 teen point type on the first page of the guide shall be the following  
11 caution: "Do not begin taking, stop taking, or alter your dosage of any  
12 medications without consulting your doctor or other healthcare practi-  
13 tioner." The director shall take such actions as shall be necessary and  
14 appropriate to make such guide available on their website and without  
15 charge through designated agencies, as such term is defined in section  
16 two hundred fourteen of this title, and in the six most common non-Engl-  
17 ish languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency in  
18 the state of New York, according to the latest available data from the  
19 United States Bureau of Census. Requests for more than ten copies shall  
20 be subject to a reasonable charge to cover the cost of reproduction and  
21 handling. This guide shall be updated as needed to maintain accuracy and  
22 relevancy of the information contained therein.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next  
24 succeeding the date on which 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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