STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 22, 2023

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 the naturally occurring retirement community supportive service program; in relation to authorizing the study of the number of senior citizens residing in naturally occurring retirement communities who are suffering from loneliness and social isolation; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The state office for the aging is authorized and directed to conduct a study on the number of older adults residing in naturally occurring retirement communities or neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness. Such study shall include, but not be limited to the number of members of such communities suffering from social isolation or loneliness, current programs or services seeking to alleviate these conditions, and additional programs or services that could be implemented.

§ 2. On or before one year after the effective date of this act, the director of the office for the aging shall submit the findings of the study conducted pursuant to section one of this act and any recommendations he or she deem to be necessary to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly.

§ 3. Subdivision 8 of section 209 of the elder law, as amended by section 1 of part S of chapter 59 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

8. On or before March first, two thousand nineteen, and every five years thereafter, the director shall report to the governor and the finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the assembly concerning the effectiveness of the naturally occurring retirement community supportive services program in achieving the objectives

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

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set forth by this section, which include helping to address the needs of residents in such classic and neighborhood naturally occurring retirement communities, assuring access to a continuum of necessary services, increasing private, philanthropic and other public funding for programs, and preventing unnecessary hospital and nursing home stays. The report shall also include recommendations concerning continuation or modification of the program from the director. The director shall provide the required information and any other information deemed appropriate to the report in such form and detail as will be helpful to the legislature and the governor in determining to extend, eliminate or modify the program including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) the number, size, type and location of the projects developed and funded, including the number, kinds and functions of staff in each program;

(b) the age, sex, religion and other appropriate demographic information concerning the residents served;

(c) the services provided to residents, reported in such manner as to allow comparison of services by demographic group and region;

(d) a listing of the services provided by eligible applicants, including the number, kind and intensity of such services; [~~and~~]

(e) a listing of partner organizations providing services, the number, kind and intensity of such services, and, to the extent practicable, the outcomes of such referrals**; and**

(f) the number of residents who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness and the services provided to residents.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the provisions of sections one and two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on the thirtieth day after the delivery of the report to the governor and the legislature as provided for in section two of this act; provided, further, that the state office for the aging shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the delivery of the report provided for in section two of this act in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.