

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 5, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the naturally occurring retirement community supportive service program

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the
2 elder law relating to the naturally occurring retirement community
3 supportive service program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.
4 5907 and A. 5520, is amended to read as follows:

5 Section 1. The state office for the aging is authorized and directed
6 to conduct a study on the number of older adults residing in naturally
7 occurring retirement communities or neighborhood naturally occurring
8 retirement communities who are suffering from social isolation and lone-
9 liness. Such study shall include, but not be limited to the number of
10 members of such communities suffering from social isolation or loneli-
11 ness based on data collected from those residents participating in
12 programs or services provided under section 209 of the elder law,
13 current programs or services seeking to alleviate these conditions, and
14 additional programs or services that could be implemented.

15 § 2. Subdivision 8 of section 209 of the elder law, as amended by a
16 chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the elder law relating to the
17 naturally occurring retirement community supportive service program, as
18 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5907 and A. 5520, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 8. On or before March first, two thousand nineteen, and every five
21 years thereafter, the director shall report to the governor and the
22 finance committee of the senate and the ways and means committee of the
23 assembly concerning the effectiveness of the naturally occurring retire-
24 ment community supportive services program in achieving the objectives
25 set forth by this section, which include helping to address the needs of
26 residents in such classic and neighborhood naturally occurring retire-
27 ment communities, assuring access to a continuum of necessary services,
28 increasing private, philanthropic and other public funding for programs,

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

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1 and preventing unnecessary hospital and nursing home stays. The report
2 shall also include recommendations concerning continuation or modifica-
3 tion of the program from the director. The director shall provide the
4 required information and any other information deemed appropriate to the
5 report in such form and detail as will be helpful to the legislature and
6 the governor in determining to extend, eliminate or modify the program
7 including, but not limited to, the following:

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

11 (b) the age, sex, religion and other appropriate demographic informa-
12 tion concerning the residents served;

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

15 (d) a listing of the services provided by eligible applicants, includ-
16 ing the number, kind and intensity of such services;

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

20 (f) the number of residents participating in programs or services
21 provided under this section who [~~are~~] report suffering from social
22 isolation and loneliness and the services provided to residents.

23 § 3. Section 4 of a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the elder law
24 relating to the naturally occurring retirement community supportive
25 service program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5907 and A.
26 5520, is amended to read as follows:

27 § 4. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] September 1, 2024;
28 provided, however, that the provisions of sections one and two of this
29 act shall expire and be deemed repealed on the thirtieth day after the
30 delivery of the report to the governor and the legislature as provided
31 for in section two of this act; provided, further, that the state office
32 for the aging shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon
33 the delivery of the report provided for in section two of this act in
34 order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective
35 data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in
36 furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legisla-
37 tive law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

38 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however,
39 sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the same date and
40 in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2023 amending the elder
41 law relating to the naturally occurring retirement community supportive
42 service program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 5907 and A.
43 5520, takes effect.