

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

April 24, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to assisting state and  
local law enforcement agencies in establishing a registry to locate  
certain missing individuals

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

1 Section 1. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
2 subdivision 24 to read as follows:  
3 24. Promulgate, in consultation with the commissioner of the office  
4 for people with developmental disabilities, a standardized form that may  
5 be used by state and local law enforcement agencies as a voluntary  
6 registry to help locate persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disor-  
7 ders, Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, or who are otherwise unable  
8 to communicate and who lose the ability to recognize familiar places or  
9 faces. Such form may include identifying information on the missing  
10 registrant such as physical features, medical conditions, whether the  
11 person is non-verbal, and names of family or friends to contact if the  
12 person is located. Such form may also provide for a photograph of the  
13 registrant to be submitted with the form.  
14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
15 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
16 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
17 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
18 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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