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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FERNANDEZ -- 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 elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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. Elder abuse shelter aftercare demonstration program. 1.
4 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and within
5 amounts appropriated, the director shall establish a two-year, short-
6 term aftercare demonstration program to be implemented by an existing
7 center for elder justice, which provides shelter and other services for
8 at risk older adults under the auspices of a facility established pursu-
9 ant to article twenty-eight of the public health law, and located in
10 Bronx county, New York city.

11 2. The scope of short-term aftercare services may be determined by the
12 commissioner of health but shall at a minimum include case management
13 services, financial counseling, and mental health services. Provision of
14 services shall commence at the conclusion of the discharge process from
15 the facility.

16 3. The center as defined pursuant to subdivision one of this section
17 shall provide aftercare services as described in subdivision two of this
18 section, and evaluate the effectiveness of the aftercare demonstration
19 program in terms of preventing re-victimization, avoiding readmissions
20 to the shelter, avoiding hospitalizations, and maintaining residence in
21 a community setting. The center shall submit a report on findings to
22 the director, the governor and the legislature no later than one hundred
23 eighty days after the conclusion of the two-year demonstration program.
24 Such report may also discuss the potential of utilizing the program

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

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1 statewide and collaborations that may enhance the program, and the effi-
2 cacy of establishing a permanent aftercare program statewide.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
4 have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed 2 years after
5 such date.