STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

July 29, 2026

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Santabarbara) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the New York state take me home program

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

Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-f-3 to read as follows:

§ 837-f-3. New York state take me home program. 1. There is hereby established within the division the New York state take me home program.

2. The division shall create a secure, voluntary statewide emergency information registry to allow participants including, but not limited to, parents, legal guardians and caregivers to provide information about individuals who may be at increased risk of wandering, becoming lost or having difficulty communicating during an emergency, before an emergency occurs. Participants may voluntarily provide information to such registry that may assist first responders to locate and assist such individuals in the case of an emergency, including, but not limited to, the following information about such individuals:

(a) recent photographs;

(b) physical descriptions;

(c) emergency contact information;

(d) communication methods or limitations;

(e) medical considerations;

(f) behavioral characteristics;

(g) sensory sensitivities;

(h) information regarding a history of wandering or becoming lost;

(i) places frequently visited; and

(j) other information that may assist first responders during an emergency.

3. Information provided to such registry shall be accessible only to authorized law enforcement personnel, emergency dispatchers and other authorized first responders responding to an emergency or missing person investigation.

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

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4. Participant information shall remain confidential.

5. The division shall establish procedures for participant enrollment in such program, and for updates, correction and removal of information provided to such registry, and shall establish standards governing the administration, security, confidentiality and authorized use of the program and information provided.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.