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

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to expanded in-home services for the elderly; and making an appropriation therefor

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "expanded in-home services funding act".

§ 2. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 214-a to read as follows:

§ 214-a. Service delivery innovation pilot program. 1. Within the amounts appropriated therefor, the office shall establish guidelines for and administer a five-year service delivery innovation pilot program to develop innovative delivery models, including but not limited to telehealth services, volunteer transportation networks, and community-based respite care.

2. Such appropriations shall be used specifically to eliminate the current waitlist for expanded in-home services for the elderly, including but not limited to meal delivery, housekeeping, personal care, and transportation services. Such appropriations shall also be used to ensure that counties in the state have adequate resources to meet growing demand for expanded in-home services for the elderly. A designated percentage, to be determined by the director, of such appropriations shall be used in rural counties in the state experiencing the highest need for expanded in-home services for the elderly.

3. The office shall prepare and submit an annual accountability and impact report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly on an annual basis for the duration of the service delivery innovation pilot program. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to:

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

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(a) the use of funding appropriated for the service delivery innovation pilot program;

(b) waitlist reductions for expanded in-home services for the elderly, including but not limited to meal delivery, housekeeping, personal care, and transportation services; and

(c) overall improvements in caregiver and senior well-being, as determined by the director.

§ 3. The sum of forty-two million dollars ($42,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the office for the aging out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the service delivery innovation pilot program, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the director of the office for the aging in the manner prescribed by law.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.