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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to enrollment eligibility for election officials in the address confidentiality program

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 108 of the executive law,
2 as separately amended by chapters 222 and 521 of the laws of 2022, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 There is created in the office of the secretary of state a program to
5 be known as the "address confidentiality program" to protect victims of
6 domestic violence, victims of human trafficking, victims of kidnapping,
7 victims of a sexual offense, victims of stalking, [~~and~~] reproductive
8 health care services providers, employees, volunteers, patients, or
9 immediate family members of reproductive health care services providers,
10 and election officers by authorizing the use of designated addresses for
11 such [~~victims~~] individuals and their minor children. The program shall
12 be administered by the secretary of state.

13 § 2. Clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2
14 and subdivision 3 of section 108 of the executive law, as separately
15 amended by chapters 222 and 521 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read
16 as follows:

17 (A) the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated person on whose
18 behalf the application is made, is a victim of domestic violence, victim
19 of human trafficking, victim of kidnapping, victim of a sexual offense,
20 victim of stalking, [~~or~~] a reproductive health care services provider,
21 employee, volunteer, patient, or an immediate family member of a repro-
22 ductive health care services provider, or an election officer;

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

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1 3. Designation of agencies to assist applicants. The secretary shall
2 designate state, local or nonprofit agencies that provide counseling,
3 referral, shelter or other specialized services to victims of domestic
4 violence, victims of human trafficking, victims of kidnapping, victims
5 of a sexual offense, victims of stalking, and reproductive health care
6 services providers, employees, volunteers, patients, or immediate family
7 members of reproductive health care services providers to assist persons
8 applying to be program participants. The secretary shall designate coun-
9 ty boards of elections to assist election officers in applying to be
10 program participants. Such persons providing assistance shall be trained
11 by the secretary. Any assistance and counseling rendered by an officer
12 of the secretary or [~~his or her~~] their designees to applicants shall in
13 no way be construed as legal advice.

14 § 3. Subdivision 1 of section 108 of the executive law is amended by
15 adding a new paragraph (o) to read as follows:

16 (o) "Election officer" shall have the same meaning as set forth in
17 section 1-104 of the election law.

18 § 4. Clause (B) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2
19 of section 108 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 222 of the
20 laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

21 (B) the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated person on whose
22 behalf the application is made, has left [~~his or her~~] their residence
23 because of such violence or acts, provided, however, this clause shall
24 not apply if the applicant is a reproductive health care services
25 provider, employee, volunteer, patient, or an immediate family member of
26 a reproductive health care services provider, or an election officer;

27 § 5. Subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section
28 108 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 222 of the laws of 2022,
29 is amended to read as follows:

30 (iv) the actual address or addresses that the applicant requests not
31 be disclosed because of the increased risk of domestic violence, a sexu-
32 al offense, stalking, physical injury or in the case of reproductive
33 health care services provider, employee, volunteer, patient, or an imme-
34 diate family member of a reproductive health care services provider, or
35 an election officer, other threats of violence; and

36 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.