STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to establish an age-related macular degeneration pilot program in the borough of Brooklyn in New York city to assist the unmet needs of elders dealing with age-related macular degeneration

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

Section 1. The New York state commission for the blind, a bureau of the office of children and family services, shall establish and implement an age-related macular degeneration pilot program to expand vision-care support services to and assist the unmet needs of elders dealing with age-related macular degeneration in the borough of Brooklyn in New York city.

§ 2. The age-related macular degeneration pilot program shall consist of a team of eleven state-funded ophthalmologists and group volunteers, to be appointed by the New York state commission for the blind, traveling throughout the borough of Brooklyn in New York city to provide services for residents who meet the eligibility requirements set forth in section three of this act, including clinical screening and diagnosis, medical treatment, education, counseling, and low vision technology, such as magnifiers and screen readers.

§ 3. The age-related macular degeneration pilot program shall provide services to residents of the borough of Brooklyn who meet the following criteria:

(a) are at least 62 years old; and

(b) currently suffer or have suffered from severe vision loss, and have a best-corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or less in their better eye.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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