

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SEAWRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to establish the caregiver coordinating commission

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

- 1 Section 1. Caregiver coordinating commission. 1. There is hereby  
2 established a caregiver coordinating commission to review and evaluate  
3 statewide planning, development, and implementation of caregiver support  
4 services, including respite care, for informal family caregivers caring  
5 for those across their lifespan.
- 6 2. (a) The commission shall consist of twelve members who shall have  
7 relevant experience with caregiving or related services and shall be  
8 appointed as follows:
- 9 (i) Two persons to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;  
10 (ii) One person to be appointed by the minority leader of the assem-  
11 bly;  
12 (iii) Two persons to be appointed by the temporary president of the  
13 senate;  
14 (iv) One person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;  
15 (v) Three persons to be appointed by the governor;  
16 (vi) The director of the office for the aging, or their designee, who  
17 shall also serve as chair;  
18 (vii) The commissioner of the office of children and family services,  
19 or their designee; and  
20 (viii) The commissioner of the office for people with developmental  
21 disabilities, or their designee.
- 22 (b) All appointments shall be made within sixty days of the effective  
23 date of this act.
- 24 (c) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for  
25 their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses  
26 incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.
- 27 3. The commission shall study, examine and review the issues related  
28 to caregiving, including, but not limited to:

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

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1 (a) Reviewing existing programs and services available to informal  
2 family caregivers, including those that are provided or supported by the  
3 state, and evaluating the effectiveness and accessibility of such  
4 programs;

5 (b) Identifying challenges faced by informal caregivers when accessing  
6 such programs and support services, including respite care;

7 (c) Reviewing best practices and support models used in other states  
8 as they pertain to caregiver support and respite services; and

9 (d) Providing recommendations to improve the accessibility and effec-  
10 tiveness of caregiver support services, including providing policy  
11 recommendations and funding priorities to better support informal family  
12 caregivers.

13 4. For the purposes of this act, "informal family caregiver" shall  
14 have the same meaning as "informal caregiver" as defined in subdivision  
15 two of section two hundred six of the elder law.

16 5. The commission shall report its findings, conclusions and recommen-  
17 dations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the  
18 minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the  
19 minority leader of the assembly no later than one year after the effec-  
20 tive date of this act.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.