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:

Section 1. Caregiver coordinating commission. 1. There is hereby established a caregiver coordinating commission to review and evaluate statewide planning, development, and implementation of caregiver support services, including respite care, for informal family caregivers caring for those across their lifespan.

2. (a) The commission shall consist of twelve members who shall have relevant experience with caregiving or related services and shall be appointed as follows:

(i) Two persons to be appointed by the speaker of the assembly;

(ii) One person to be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly;

(iii) Two persons to be appointed by the temporary president of the senate;

(iv) One person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(v) Three persons to be appointed by the governor;

(vi) The director of the office for the aging, or their designee, who shall also serve as chair;

(vii) The commissioner of the office of children and family services, or their designee; and

(viii) The commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, or their designee.

(b) All appointments shall be made within sixty days of the effective date of this act.

(c) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

3. The commission shall study, examine and review the issues related 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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(a) Reviewing existing programs and services available to informal family caregivers, including those that are provided or supported by the state, and evaluating the effectiveness and accessibility of such programs;

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

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

(d) Providing recommendations to improve the accessibility and effectiveness of caregiver support services, including providing policy recommendations and funding priorities to better support informal family caregivers.

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

5. The commission shall report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and the minority leader of the assembly no later than one year after the effective date of this act.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.