STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 6, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. STERN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to permitting members of the coordinating council for services related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementia to participate in meetings through the use of videoconferencing

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 2004-a of the public health law, as amended by section 4 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The council shall meet quarterly or more frequently if its business shall require. The community forums in the first year of implementation count as a formal meeting of the council. **Videoconferencing may be used for attendance and participation by members of the council in accordance with written procedures adopted by the council. Any member attending and participating by the use of videoconferencing shall be considered to be present at the meeting.** The members of the council shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The council shall provide reports to the governor and the legislature on or before June thirtieth, two thousand nine and by June thirtieth of every other year thereafter. Such reports shall include recommendations for state policy relating to dementia and a review of services initiated and coordinated among public and private agencies to meet the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and their families.

§ 2. 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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