STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to assisting state and local law enforcement agencies in establishing a registry to locate certain missing individuals

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

Section 1. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 24 to read as follows:

24. Promulgate, in consultation with the commissioner of the office for people with developmental disabilities, a standardized form that may be used by state and local law enforcement agencies as a voluntary registry to help locate persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders, Alzheimer's disease or other dementia, or who are otherwise unable to communicate and who lose the ability to recognize familiar places or faces. Such form may include identifying information on the missing registrant such as physical features, medical conditions, whether the person is non-verbal, and names of family or friends to contact if the person is located. Such form may also provide for a photograph of the registrant to be submitted with the form.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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