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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

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Introduced by Sens. CLEARE, ASHBY, BORRELLO, JACKSON, OBERACKER, ROLISON, SCARCELLA-SPANTON, WEBB -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- recommitted to the Committee on Aging in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the dissemination of information pertaining to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia through the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care program

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

Section 1. Subdivision 8 of section 203 of the elder law, as added by section 18 of part B of chapter 58 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

8. The director, in consultation with the commissioner of health, shall establish a program to be known as the NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care. The purpose of this initiative is to provide consistent, comprehensive, locally-based information and assistance on long term care services to consumers, caregivers and families to help them make educated choices. This program shall provide individuals, caregivers, and families with objective information and assistance about home, community-based and institutional long term care services**, including programs and services for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia**. NY Connects [~~will~~] **shall** be available on a voluntary basis to consumers, caregivers and their families. There shall be an on-going education and outreach campaign to educate the public about long term care services **and programs and services for individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia** available in their community and to assist consumers in preparing for their long term care needs.

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

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§ 2. This act shall take effect one year 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.