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Introduced by Sens. SANDERS, ASHBY, CLEARE, GONZALEZ, HINCHEY, JACKSON, MYRIE, RHOADS, ROLISON, WEBB, WEBER -- 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 -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to providing elder abuse prevention training

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

Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 219-a to read as follows:

§ 219-a. Elder abuse awareness and prevention training. 1. The director shall, in cooperation with the office of children and family services and the division of state police:

(a) develop and maintain model procedures and educational materials relating to the identification and reporting of the abuse of adults, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, active neglect, passive neglect, self neglect, and financial exploitation, as such terms are defined in section four hundred seventy-three of the social services law. Such procedures and materials shall be disseminated to senior centers and entities that contract with the office and with the office of children and family services to provide services to elderly persons. Such model procedures and educational materials shall be made publicly available on the office's website. Nothing in this section shall prevent the office from utilizing materials in section two hundred nineteen of this title.

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

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(b) develop a program to train senior service providers in the detection and reporting of elder abuse. Such program shall also include training on the counseling of elder abuse victims. Such program shall be made publicly available on the office's website.

2. Every senior center and entity that contracts with the office or the office of children and family services to provide services to elderly persons shall administer such training program to their employees who regularly interact with elderly persons in the course of their duties. Such training shall be administered upon hire and annually thereafter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law.