

A7612-A Cymbrowitz (MS) Same as [S 5328-A](#) SERINO

Elder Law

TITLE....Authorizes the office for the aging to conduct a public education campaign relating to elder abuse

05/20/15 referred to aging

05/28/15 amend and recommit to aging

05/28/15 print number 7612a

06/01/15 reported referred to ways and means

06/08/15 reported referred to rules

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06/10/15 rules report cal.293

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06/15/15 passed assembly

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06/15/15 REFERRED TO RULES

06/15/15 SUBSTITUTED FOR S5328A

06/15/15 PASSED SENATE

06/15/15 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

11/10/15 delivered to governor

11/20/15 vetoed memo.241

11/20/15 tabled

VETO MESSAGE - No. 241

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 7612-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the elder law, in relation to the authority of the office for the aging to conduct a public education campaign relating to elder abuse"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would require the State Office for the Aging (SOFA), in consultation with the Office for Children and Family Services (OCFS), to conduct a multi-media public education campaign to increase awareness and encourage reporting of suspected elder abuse.

Elder Law Section 219 already requires SOFA, in conjunction with OCFS, to conduct an extensive elder abuse outreach and education program, including elderly persons and their families and caregivers. SOFA also works with a variety of public and private organizations on the New York State Coalition on Elder Abuse, which conducts research, produces reports and training materials, and publicizes conferences that focus on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Finally, OCFS has dedicated resources towards combating elder abuse through its Bureau of Adult Services, which produces public service announcements on elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.

In addition to duplicating SOFA and OCFS's ongoing efforts, this bill will increase the administrative responsibilities of SOFA without providing the necessary resources. Funding such activities is more appropriately handled during the annual budget process. For these reasons, I am compelled to disapprove the bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO
