

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- (at request of the Office for the Aging) --  
read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to  
the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring family  
type homes for adults facilities to post ombudsman posters in such  
facilities

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 461-d of the social services law,  
2 as added by chapter 363 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as  
3 follows:  
4 7. Every operator of a residence for adults, adult home [~~or~~], enriched  
5 housing program or family type home for adults shall post a long term  
6 care ombudsman poster in such facility in the main entrance or public  
7 posting area where notices to residents are commonly displayed, or, if  
8 there is no such main entrance or posting area, in the several public  
9 areas within the facility where notices to residents are commonly  
10 displayed, and shall make the long term care ombudsman brochure avail-  
11 able to residents upon request.  
12 § 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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### NEW YORK STATE SENATE INTRODUCER'S MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT submitted in accordance with Senate Rule VI. Sec 1

BILL NUMBER: S5804

SPONSOR: GOLDEN

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the social services law, in relation  
to requiring family type homes for adults facilities to post ombudsman  
posters in such facilities

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:**

The purpose of this bill is to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring family type homes for adults to post ombudsman posters in such facilities to advise residents of family type homes for adults of their rights and the services available to them.

**SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:**

Amends language in section 461-d (7) of the social services law to add family type homes for adults.

**EXISTING LAW:**

Current law, in subdivision 7 of section 461-d of the Social Services Law, requires that Ombudsman Posters be posted in residences for adults, adult homes, or enriched housing programs. This proposal extends the requirement for posting these notices to residences designated as family type homes for adults.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

This is a new bill.

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT:**

Many residents of family type homes for adults and their family members do not know that there are volunteer ombudsman to help settle disputes between family type home administrators, residents and family members. The ombudsman program has successfully mediated disputes and acts as one of the only day-to-day cost-effective services that ensures consistent and fair treatment of seniors who must live in these homes.

This bill would require such facilities to display posters provided by the ombudsman program in several public areas of such facilities. The bill adds no cost to operating facilities because posters are provided free of charge. The bill would help ensure that all residents know that they have someone to call if they believe they need help in resolving any dispute.

Chapter 363 of the Laws of 2004 added this right for people living in residences for adults, adult homes or enriched housing programs. This bill will extend the same right to residents of family type homes for adults under Section 461-d (7) of the social services law.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

None.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Immediately upon becoming law.

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