

**Sec. 7-127b. Municipal agents for elderly persons. Responsibilities of Department on Aging.** (a) The chief elected official or the chief executive officer if by ordinance of each municipality shall appoint a municipal agent for elderly persons. Such agent shall be a member of an agency that serves elderly persons in the municipality or a responsible resident of the municipality who has demonstrated an interest in the elderly or has been involved in programs in the field of aging.

(b) The duties of the municipal agent may include, but shall not be limited to, (1) disseminating information to elderly persons, assisting such persons in learning about the community resources available to them and publicizing such resources and benefits; (2) assisting elderly persons to apply for federal and other benefits available to such persons; (3) reporting to the chief elected official or chief executive officer of the municipality and the Department on Aging any needs and problems of the elderly and any recommendations for action to improve services to the elderly.

(c) Each municipal agent shall serve for a term of two or four years, at the discretion of the appointing authority of each municipality, and may be reappointed. If more than one agent is necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, the appointing authority, in its discretion, may appoint one or more assistant agents. The town clerk in each municipality shall notify the Department on Aging immediately of the appointment of a new municipal agent. Each municipality may provide to its municipal agent resources sufficient for such agent to perform the duties of the office.

(d) The Department on Aging shall adopt and disseminate to municipalities guidelines as to the role and duties of municipal agents and such informational and technical materials as may assist such agents in performance of their duties. The department, in cooperation with the area agencies on aging, may provide training for municipal agents within the available resources of the department and of the agencies on aging.

(1972, P.A. 70; P.A. 77-447; P.A. 85-459, S. 1, 2; P.A. 88-206, S. 2; P.A. 93-262, S. 1, 87; P.A. 95-77; P.A. 01-195, S. 105, 181; P.A. 12-119, S. 3; P.A. 13-125, S. 1.)

History: P.A. 77-447 replaced all former provisions re municipal agents for disseminating information to elderly with more detailed provisions of Subsecs. (a) to (d), inclusive; P.A. 85-459 amended Subsec. (b) to require written reports to be submitted to the state department on aging and amended Subsec. (c) to require the town clerk to notify the state department on aging of the appointment of a new municipal agent; P.A. 88-206 gave the chief elected official the authority to appoint a municipal agent and provided that the chief executive officer may also appoint if by ordinance he is given such authority in Subsec. (a), made a technical change in Subsec. (b) and required the department on aging to sponsor at least one training

session and specified that the training shall include information re the availability of housing and required each municipal agent to attend at least one session in Subsec. (d); P.A. 93-262 authorized substitution of department of social services for department on aging, effective July 1, 1993; P.A. 95-77 amended Subsec. (c) to allow a municipal agent to serve a term of two or four years, at the discretion of the appointing authority, where previously terms were two years only; P.A. 01-195 made technical changes, effective July 11, 2001; P.A. 12-119 amended Subsec. (a) to delete provisions re commission on aging members and elected officials as potential agents and make technical changes, amended Subsec. (b) to make technical changes, replace provisions re annual written reports on services provided by the agent with provisions re reporting agent's recommendations to improve services to the elderly, made a technical change in Subsec. (c), and amended Subsec. (d) to delete requirement that department ensure municipalities carry out provisions of section, make technical changes, make agent training discretionary rather than mandatory, delete provisions re training requirements and records re elderly persons and add provision re training within available resources of department and area agencies, effective June 15, 2012; P.A. 13-125 replaced references to Department of Social Services with references to Department on Aging, effective July 1, 2013.