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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring providers of non-emergency, clinical outpatient treatment to check whether patients are sex offenders and to segregate sex offender patients from other patients

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The mental hygiene law is amended by adding a new section
2 33.27 to read as follows:
3 S 33.27 REQUIREMENT TO CHECK SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; CONTINUING CLINICAL
4 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.
5 (A) EVERY FACILITY AND PROGRAM OPERATED OR CERTIFIED BY ANY OFFICE OF
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE, WHICH PROVIDES A NON-EMERGENCY, CLIN-
7 ICAL OUTPATIENT COURSE OF TREATMENT TO A PATIENT, WHICH REQUIRES THREE
8 OR MORE VISITS DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR, SHALL REQUIRE EACH SUCH PATIENT
9 TO PROVIDE HIS OR HER ADDRESS AND DATE OF BIRTH, AND INQUIRE WHETHER
10 SUCH PATIENT IS A SEX OFFENDER, AS DEFINED BY SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION
11 ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT-A OF THE CORRECTION LAW. IN ADDITION, SUCH
12 FACILITY OR PROGRAM SHALL CALL THE SPECIAL TELEPHONE NUMBER, OPERATED BY
13 THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION ONE
14 HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT-P OF THE CORRECTION LAW, TO DETERMINE WHETHER EACH
15 SUCH PATIENT IS A SEX OFFENDER.
16 (B) EVERY FACILITY AND PROGRAM OPERATED OR CERTIFIED BY ANY OFFICE OF
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HYGIENE, WHICH PROVIDES A NON-EMERGENCY, CLIN-
18 ICAL OUTPATIENT COURSE OF COUNSELING TO A PATIENT, WHICH REQUIRES THREE
19 OR MORE VISITS DURING ANY CALENDAR YEAR, SHALL MAKE REASONABLE EFFORTS

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

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1 TO AVOID THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WHO ARE NOT SEX OFFENDERS WITH
2 PATIENTS WHO ARE SEX OFFENDERS.
3 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law.