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AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to duties of providers of services for the developmentally disabled

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 16.25 to read as follows:
3 S 16.25 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.
4 (A) (I) ALL STATE AND VOLUNTARY AGENCY VEHICLES USED BY PROVIDERS WHO
5 ARE CERTIFIED, LICENSED, FUNDED OR OPERATED BY THE OFFICE THAT ARE USED
6 TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN OR ADULTS WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES
7 SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITY.
8 (II) ALL VEHICLES USED AT A FACILITY PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL CARE TO
9 YOUTH AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OR (B) OF SUBDIVISION
10 FOUR OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE-A OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW TO
11 TRANSPORT SUCH YOUTH SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH
12 SOUND CAPABILITY.
13 (B) ANY SCHOOL OR PRIVATE TRANSPORT COMPANY VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT
14 CHILDREN OR ADULTS WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH
15 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS WITH SOUND CAPABILITIES.
16 (C) ANY PROVIDER THAT FAILS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
17 SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY OF
18 NONCOMPLIANCE.
19 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
20 it shall have become a law.

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

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