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Introduced by M. of A. FRONTUS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Mental Health

AN ACT to amend the mental hygiene law, in relation to requiring emergency services facilities to provide immediate suicide risk assessments to acute psychiatric 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 33.29 to read as follows:

3 § 33.29 Emergency services facilities immediate assessment of suicide
4 risk.

5 (a) For purposes of this section, "emergency services facilities"
6 shall mean buildings, structures, equipment or systems used to provide
7 emergency medical services to individuals who require immediate medical
8 attention.

9 (b) Emergency services facilities shall provide for, as part of their
10 patient intake process, the immediate assessment of suicide risk in an
11 acute psychiatric patient who arrives to such facility seeking medical
12 attention.

13 (c) Emergency services facilities shall maintain a licensed mental
14 health professional or emergency services personnel who have completed
15 coursework or applied experience under supervision in suicide risk
16 assessment and intervention on staff and available during all hours of
17 operation in order to provide for the immediate assessment of suicide
18 risk as described in subdivision (b) of this section.

19 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth 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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